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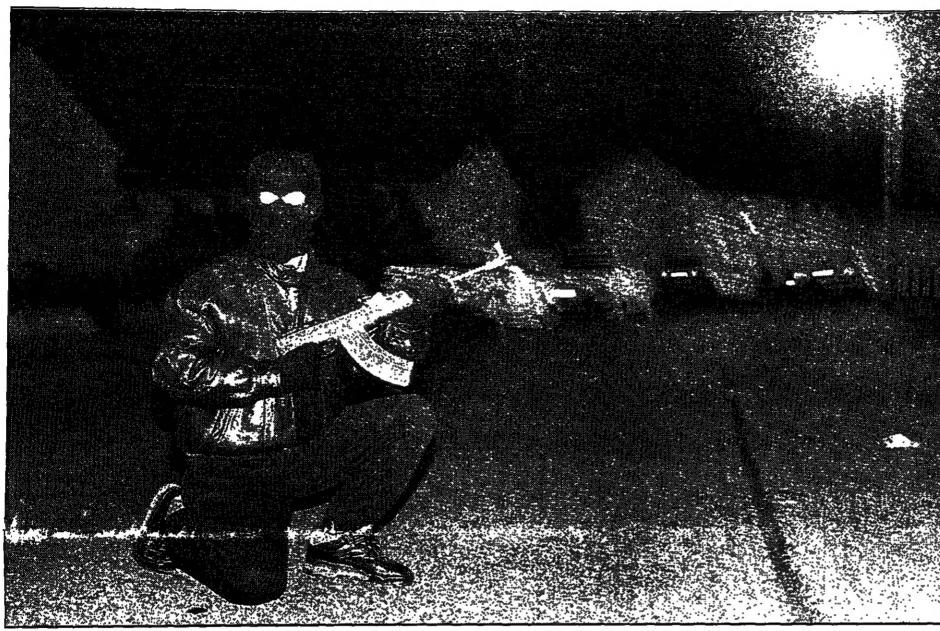
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Return of the gun Cabinet split



How £4 taxi ride turned into a trip to the heart of an old darkness

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

HE barman's it, are we going back into it all again?" he asked Outside land back down into the 25asked. Outside land back dow Doc's Bar, an RUC woman year darkness. was guarding the entrance to Montiaghs Road, where the body of Michael McGoldrick bown centre, the Orangemen had been found early yester-

at three o'clock, Mr McGol-drick's body was being removed from his taxi. Shot in the back of the head, found slumped over the wheel of the voice was car he shared with another hoarse. "Is this driver, his day shift partner.

at Drumcree were hurling stones and abuse across the



Michael McGoldrick

the call. A pick-up at Centrepoint, Lurgan's ten-pin bowling, cinema and pub complex,
a mixed place in a town bitterly divided at its heart between Catholic and Protestant, Name of Lavery, going
to Aghagallon, a Catholic village four miles away on the shores of Lough Neagh.

postcard countryside, past St Michaels' Grammar School, over humped-back bridges. The news of the murder did

not filter out until mid-morning, Day Two of the Siege of Drumcree Mark II, by which time the pace of events was running beyond the Orange Order's pledges of orderly protest. Palls of black smoke hung over Portadown from burning vehicles, rush-hour traffic was snagged at impro-vised road blocks and two more youths were in hospital

with plastic bullet injuries. By the end of the day the main Unionist parties had pulled out of the all-party talks at Stormont in another sign that the "peace process"

was expiring.

Mr McGoldrick's parents
were finding it difficult to get
back from their holiday on
the coast, the disturbances
blocking their path back to Lurgan and a dead son. He was born and grew up in

Glasgow, but regularly came to Ulster. Met a local girl, gave up his job as a psychiatsence. The peace was great. A family again. And another

child — another grandchild -

On top of all that, there was

even more to celebrate.

Michael graduated last Fri day from Queens University Belfast, in English and poli

Thirty one years old and

keen to start a new career as a teacher. The taxi work kept

the family ticking over. It used to be a pretty dangerous line of work but the ceasefires

due in the autumn

Lurgan has seven taxi companies, six in the Catholic end and one on the Protestant side. The public lavatories on the High Street mark the div-iding line. Because of the lack of good public transport, the town relies upon its hundred cabs and the mostly Catholic

drivers. But the fear has come back. A depot manager, whose friend, Martin Byrnes, was shot deed in his taxi by loyalist paramilitaries six years ago, accepted that they were easy targets. "There's an awful lot of pressure on drivers because you never knew how you were going to finish your shift. You're only 10p away, the cost of a phone call. Set up an ambush and call a taxi driver, so simple." In Lurgan the dogs in the

changed all that, didn't they?
Now, suddenly, his wife
Sadie, aged 29, is left to bring
up seven-year-old Emma and
the next—their last—child
alone. The family did not
want to speak but issued a "The politicians must bear some responsibility for this because they have been mouthing off too much lately. streets know how, why and by whom Michael McGoldrick Fire and brimstone speeches have featured too much in this situation. Their loose talk has cost this young fellow his life. It could have has been killed. No organisa-tion has claimed his the murder but it bears all the hall marks of a loyalist paramilitary assassination of

over £2bn RAF contract

"HE Cabinet is split over who should win a en billion contract cru cial to the country's se curity - the replacement for the RAFs 30-year-old fleet of Nimrod surveillance aircraft due to be announced on Thursday.
John Major cancelled a

meeting last week of the De-fence and Overseas Policy Cabinet Committee, which was to decide whether GEC-Lockheed or the British Aerospace-Boeing consortium should win the deal.

Thousands of jobs are at

stake in Conservative mar ginal seats depending on which is successful — with Scotland benefitting from GEC, and the north of Eng-land gaining from British

Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-cellor, and Ian Lang, the Presare backing the GEC-Lock-beed deal on the grounds that it could bring more hi-tech jobs and export orders to Brit-ain, as the Lockheed Orion aircraft is already the choice

of foreign navies.

Michael Portillo, the defence secretary, is supporting the British Aerospace consor-tium following a recommendation from his ministry equipment approval commit-tee to refurbish the RAF's wings, engines and avionics. The BAe bid is also thought to be about £100 million

cheaper, despite a last-minute cut by its rivals. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is sympa-thetic to but not committed to the Orion, and Michael How-ard, the Home Secretary, an-other member of the commit-

tee, is undecided. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, is exnected to be asked to inter vene to decide which bid will

The British Aerospace and Boeing bid involves replacing



the elderly Nimrod with a refurbished version incorporating Rolls-Royce engines and new avionics and mission systems, inner wing and the same fuselage, outer wings and tailplanes.

Export prospects for this model are thought to be slim. But it will create 10,000 jobs. 2,000 with British Aerospace, notably in Brough, East York-shire; and Warton, Lanca-shire. The spin-off will also provide extra work for BAe workers in Prestwick, Ayrshire; Filton, Bristol; Plymouth; and Farnborough, Hampshire; and jobs for Short Brothers in Belfast; and work for smaller companies in Tory marginal seats such as Gloucester, Swindon, North, Harlow, Lincoln, Slough, Welwyn Garden City. and Isleworth.
The GEC-Boeing consor-

tium plans to build a new generation of Orion reconnal-sance planes with a GEC surveillance system. Rolls Royce engines, and advanced propellors from Dowly, promising 7,000 jobs.

Export opportunities are promising, with a potential big order from the US Navy, which will provide extra

work for GEC.
It will benefit Scotland with \$200 million of highly-skilled Turn to page 3, column 1

ric nurse, married, had a daughter. The parents returned to live in their native Lurgan after a long able to the long and the long and the live Lurgan after a long able to the long and th day by a local man out hunt-ing rabbits. The forensic work was at police. the "any taig will do" school. That was at 15 minutes pas barbed wire at lines of rlot midnight. The drive to Agha-Mr McGoldrick answered its painstaking end and now. gallon spins through picture-Seven stabbed in infant school machete attack

John Carvel Education Editor

MASSIVE hunt was underway last night for machete-wielding attacker who forced his way into a Wolverhampton infant school and lashed out at staff. parents and children as young as three while they were enjoying a picnic in the | ing surgery on what were deplayground.

Up to 100 police officers were searching for a man whose assault left four adults | The attack beane covered and three children with stab | the end of the school day stood in the doorway of the gunned down by a deranged

recommendations strengthening school security after the murder of a west London headteacher in December and the massacre at Dunblane in March.

Last night all three children — two girls aged 4 and a boy aged 3 — were undergoscribed as "disfiguring head injuries". A woman, aged 29. was also being operated upon. The attack came towards

hampton. Many of the children were at school for the first time, enjoying a party designed to make them feel at home when they began school next term.

The attacker jumped over the fence and struck out at the children as they tried to

it had not been for those parents, this could have been Superintendent Pat Wing of West Midlands police said:
"This seems to be a totally senseless and indiscriminate

attack on a group of young children playing outside." The attack came four months after the Dunblane Bob Jones, the town's chair-man of education, said a mother was injured as she teacher and 16 pupils were

wounds and brought renewed | when a man in his mid-30s | school barring the attacker's | attacker. The inquiry which | Schoolmasters/Union of demands for resources from | struck out at a woman outside | path into the building. "We | followed concluded that | Women Teachers, said: "If the followed concluded that | schools could not be turned | schools are to implement | schools are to implement | for | School in Blakenhall, Wolver | away by a father of a pupil if | into fortresses, but that im | these recommendations — inprovements in perimeter cluding perimeter fencing fencing, reduced numbers of and closed-circuit television entry points and installation — the Government will have of closed-circuit TV could im- to provide significant prove safety in some cases. Robin Squire, the schools minister, said the Govern-

ment was doing "everything we can", but he did not think St Luke's had been identified for any of these measures. Earnonn O'Kane, deputy

Women Teachers, said: "If schools are to implement

amounts of money."
Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said it was no longer enough to be shocked and the nation's chilsympathy.

Inside

Chris Patten served notice on Tory Euro-sceptics that he will join battle with them for the party's soul when he returns to the UK.

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World News Islamic militants

from fran and other foreign countries. are employing underhand techniques to stay in Bosnia in violation of Dayton.

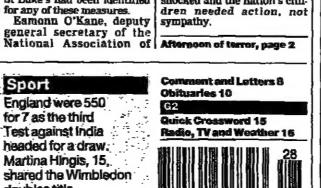
tax cuts.

Finance Labour demanded the Chancellor account for the poor state of public finances

after the EU warned against pre-election Sport

England were 550 for 7 as the third Test against India headed for a draw. Martina Hingis, 15, shared the Wimbledon doubles title.

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insurance It costs less than you think

Sketch

It's tough to vote for your own pay



Simon Hoggart

Ps vote tomorrow on their pay rise. At the risk of being thought a gullible buffoon, I offer 10 reasons why they deserve it.

First, it may seem wonder-ful to vote for your own salary. But it isn't. The rest of us can try for a pay rise, and if we're lucky, no-one knows about it except us and the boss. But if an MP votes for more pay, he is violently attacked by the press and vilified by many constituents. That's why even Conservative wives now buy designer ball gowns at charity

scops.
Second, there are very few perks. US Congresspersons have private sauna, jacuzzi, health spa, country club even their own bank, once and a little underground train to ferry them to their offices.

Euro MPs in Strasbourg can call on a free limousine ser-vice whenever they like. Our MPs have to use the tube. along with riff-raff like us. Third, it's dangerous. In the

past 20 years the IRA has killed two of them. Former Northern Ireland ministers have to go round with Special Branch detectives at all times and their wives are expected to keep them in tea and cakes. Fourth, it's much harder

work than you think. People who watch the Commons on television whinge about how few MPs are sitting in the Chamber. But they have better things to do than listen to their colleagues speak. A con-scientious MP — and believe it or not, most of them are could spend his entire day answering the post.

Throw in standing committees, select committees, party committees, delegations ("please provide eight seats for Frime Minister's Question Time tomorrow, urgently, thank you" is a frequent sort of message) plus voting, speak ing, general plotting and fill-ing in questionnaires from the British Beer Mat Federation

First night

The Loves Of Cass Maguire

WENTY-ONE years ago there was no professional theatre in Ireland out-side Dublin. Now there are

two companies in Galway

alone, several more in other cities, and tours travelling to

It was in Galway that it all started when a handful of graduates from the university

drama society started some-thing called Druid. (No West

of Ireland mysticism about the name, incidentally. Someone

happened to be reading As-terix and the Druids when

they came to register a name.

They never meant to keep it.

Druid is celebrating its com-

ing of age with a production of Brian Friel's The Loves of

Cass Maguire, one of the three

plays which launched the company in the city's Jesuit Hall back in 1975.

It is directed, as it was then, by Garry Hynes, and features the other founder members in their original roles, Mick Lally, and Marie Mullen as

The company now plays, as

of this year, in the freshly restored Town Hall theatre,

rescued from disuse by the town council not expressly for the company, but certainly be-

cause of them. Now it's the mighty Abbey

that comes to play in Galway. But apart from that, the things

which brought Druid to the

attention of the wider world, and eventually Dublin, have

not changed. As Fintan O'Toole observes

in a thoughtful tribute in the

programme, the emphasis has

always been on "the essentials

of theatre — acting and directing." Perhaps it was because they didn't have anything else

in the early days.

Coming home

and staying put

Robert Dawson Scott | than this in the next 12 months, I commend your good

designed to expose you as no friend of beer mats, so ensuring that you do not receive any votes next election from the powerful beer mat lobby.

and you have an 80 hour-week without drawing breath. Fifth, it's humiliating. All estate agents know the toe-curling embarrassment of admitting their profession at parties, imagine what it's like for MPs.

Sixth, you have no real power. If you don't vote the party line on almost every occasion, the whips will try to have you out. They will certainly stop you getting promo-tion, and will take immense pleasure in keeping you off fact-finding visits to the Cape Verde Islands, too.

Seventh, there's no professional courtesy. Lawyers look after their own, and call their rivals "M'learned friend", even if they detest them. But MPs are obliged to be abusive, often to people they like and

Eighth, there's the press. Think what it would be like if Think what it would be like if there were several people, mostly better paid than you, whose own living depended on pointing out what a lousy job you were doing. Imagine a teacher having to get through the day with a sketchwriter taking notes and chortling in the classroom, or a pundit in the playground, someone billed as "The Man The Peda-

gogues Dread". Ninth, you're never off duty. There are plenty of people in your constituency who see nothing wrong in ringing you at 11 on Saturday night to complain that the council hasn't been round to

repair the guttering.
Tenth, the public thinks
that you can — and should —
do anything they ask. One
Labour MP tells the horrible
story a bout a woman who story about a woman who came to his regular Saturday surgery and whispered to him, asking if he could have a word with her husband. It turned out that it was his plea sure to commit one form of unpleasant sexual practice upon her, followed immedi ately by another, somewhat less perverted. "My god, that's disgusting!" he said. "Td certainly better

talk to him. "Oh, you don't need to ask him to stop," she replied. "Just ask him to wash it in

fortune.
Friel's play tells the story of

from America to her now prosperous brother's family,

after half a century a step

away from skid row. Friel's themes are constant, self-

knowledge and self-delusion, the unsatisfactory nature of

memory, and the potency of time passing.
Initial euphoria at the return of the prodigal turns to the bleak realisation that the

uptight family can no longer

cope with the life force which

Cass carries with her. She is packed off to a rest home

where the life force is eventu-

ally snuffed out altogether. The details, such as Cass's

costume of ill-assorted cardie and skirts (designs by Rob

Hynes directs with a light touch. The play speaks for it-self, but for one striking

image at the very end of many doors opening at once, imply-

ing, surely, that the choices are all ours to make.

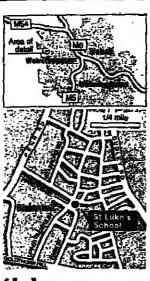
Funny how we cling to 21st birthdays for coming of age. For a theatre company the

really telling moment is when the original founders move

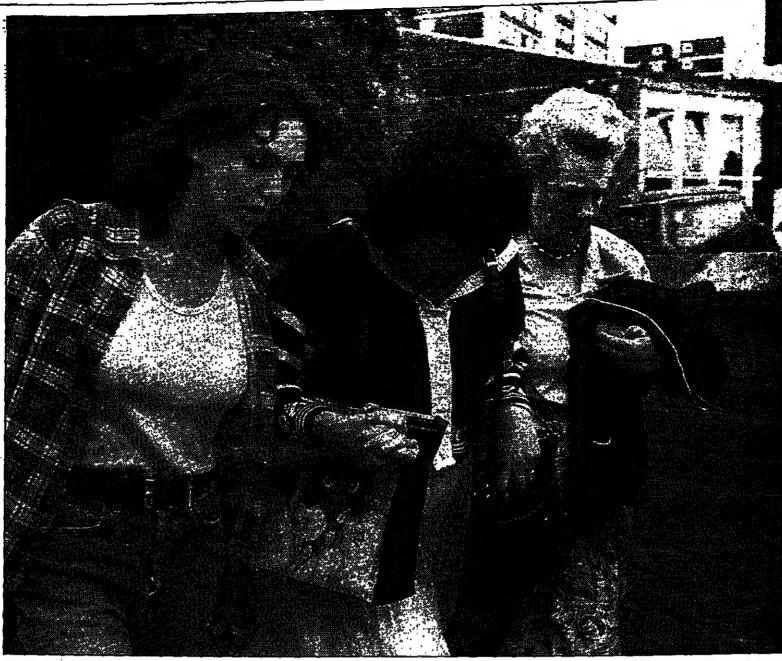
on. If the company survives, i indicates that it has matured

of its own accord. For Druid that moment came in 1990

when Hynes went to run the



He was icy cool. He was like a machine in the way he was so efficient'



Distraught parents leaving St Luke's School, Blakenhall, after a lone man attacked children, teachers and parents with a machete PHOTOGRAPH SEN HEAD

Teddy bears and terror

John Mullin on an afternoon's playtime at a Midlands school, and how it was suddenly transformed into a scene of bloodstained mayhem

Infants School in Blakenhall near Wolverhamton is a happy scene of blue skies, hedgerows and fields. A fine place for a taddy bears' picnic, and the children were having a the children were having a rare time in the sunshine. It was, for many, their first day

This was a taster, a visit to get used to the buildings and to the teachers before starting lessons after summer. Head teacher Denise Bennett likes lives to be a real treat, so the invitation went out to bring along their favourite cuddly

silent, as had happened at the grass was testimony to how close disaster had come.

But as they lined up in the nursery garden to go back inside, the chattering voices and laughter fell suddenly Dunblane Primary four months previously. This time they were lucky, relatively. But the little beige teddy bear lying splattered with blood on

About 3.15pm, as parents filtered along the streets bordered by Victorian terraces and tower blocks, a black man aged around 35, with a

HE huge mural to beard and trilby hat, arrived, the rear of St Luke's Church of England Infants School in Blakenhall near amton is a happy the school Then he jumped the floor large being and drew

from his bag a long knife. Some parents thought the knife was plastic. Others recognised it as a machete, and the assailiant began slashing at the children and their minders, a teacher, a mum helping out, a playgroup leader and another woman. They were finishing a cup of tes, and he approached from behind.

that the teacher, after seeing the argument, was ushering the children, all under five.

children, still they tried. The toll was bad enough, three children and four women in-

fured, two seriously.
Nobody had ever given too much thought to security. There had never before been any violence at the school, and it dates back a century. The 130 infants, aged up to seven, come from workingclass stock. Staff were proud of their pupils and their

liver an adverse opinion it would be ignored by the nu-

clear powers, and the ser-vants of the states concerned

including SSBN (nuclear

missile-carrying submarines]
commanding officers —
would not be acting illegally
in obeying the orders and car-

rying out the policies of the state of which they were citi-zens." Captain David Hum-phrey, the chief naval judge advocate, advised earlier this

year. In a private legal opin-ion seen by the Guardian, he said it was "inconceivable,

given their existing policies, that the nuclear powers would be presently prepared to relinquish possesion of nu-

Children's teddy bears lie scattered after the attack

events unfolded.

He saw the assailant jumped over the playground fence. He supposed the man might be a litter collector. until he saw him pull out the

Amar, 6, and niece, five-year-old Kiran, alerted police on his mobile telephone as out at the children and I out at the children and I rushed back into the school telling the kids and parents to get inside. One teacher grabbed hold of three chil-dren and locked herself in a

two-foot machets.

"I said: 'Come on, you bastered as he first attacked a me and moved towards me, watched as he first attacked a me and moved towards me. Was like a machine in the way he was so efficient. He had this cool icy look in his eyes.

The teacher just fell to the obsay and then chased him."

Tower blocks in the mixed race area. He saw blood dripping from the knife.

As the teacher unlocked the classroom, Mrs Reynolds could see blood splattered across the walls and floor of the entrance area. Teachers were comforting weeping like a point out the mixed race area. He saw blood dripping from the knife.

Rhena Chopra, 4.

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Rhena's mother, Surinder classroom, Mrs Reynolds could see blood splattered across the walls and floor of the entrance area. Teachers ington, 29, and nursery nurse.

waiting on her son, five-year-old Ricky. "All of a sudden I saw this black guy come from behind the church and jump over the fence.

Three Indian women were standing in front of me drinking tea. They were with their kids who had just had a teddy bears' picnic and were still outside on the grass. He went over and whacked one of the Asian women over the head with the blade."

Parents ran to the school, and a teacher locked the door. There were nine mothers and 30 infants inside the room, as he knifeman went into the

adjacent nursery class.

Mrs Reynolds said: "We were standing on the other side of the locked door, and we heard him trying the handle. I heard children screaming on the other side of

"It was horrifying because there was nothing we could do. Whatever he was doing lasted for about five minutes. We suddenly saw him run-ning toward the flats."

Her husband, Darren, 23 outside with their two younger children, joined Mr Bains in giving chase as the assailant ran off towards Villers House, one of several tower blocks in the mixed race area. He saw blood dripping from the knife.

Diane Reynolds, 22, was children. Julie Innes, 33, col-ratting on her son, five-year-ld Ricky. "All of a sudden I old daughter, arrived just after the attack began.

"I knew immediately that something terrible had haparound frantic. One of the mums screamed at me: 'Don't go inside. There's a maniac in

An ambulance station is only a few hundred yards away, and paramedics were at the scene within seconds. Trevor Ford was the first at the school. "It was a harrowing sight. Bloodstained children and teachers were screaming and the scene was absolute mayhem. We treated a female teacher who suffered leg. body and face injuries, and many children were treated on the scene for shock.

As the hunt for the knife man continued last night. doctors at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton were carrying out operations on the

injured. It was bad enough, But Paul Dean, education manager for primary schools in Wolverhampton, summed up the am-bivalence of terror and relief. It is horrendous. But thank God no-one has died."

The child victims were last night named as Ahmed Malik, 3. Francesca Quintyne, 4. and Rhena Chopra, 4.

International Court fudges nuclear arms ruling

No ban, but Britain would have ignored any adverse verdict

and Richard Norton-Taylor

HE use of or threat to use nuclear weapons in war would "generally" be unlawful, the International Court of Justice said yesterday. But it avoided ruling on whether such weapons should be banned in an extreme case of self-defence when a state's survival was at stake. survival was at stake.

The Hague court made the surprise rulings in response to requests from the UN General Assembly and the World Health Organisation. as it emerged that the Navy's chief legal adviser said the court would have been ignored by

would have been ignored by commanders of Britain's Tri-

Abbey in Dublin. The company survived al-right but she had a miserable time in Dublin, finding herself constantly on the defensive. Now obviously delighted to be out of all that and back at Druid as consultant artistic director, which means she gets to direct shows but does not have to do the papework, she could almost be described

as radiant. The company no longer de-pends solely on her, nor she on it, and both are stronger as a

The legacy could hardly be richer. If you see better acting good party last week.

The best value

would have been ignored by clear weapons".

Clear weapons".

He argued that there was no "specific rule of international law, expressed or implied, which outlaws the use, or

an advisory opinion on whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons is "in any circumstance permitted under international law".

Its ambivalent answer, desided on the costing water of the cost of the cost

cided on the casting vote of the president after the court split 7-7, was regarded as dis-appointing by some anti-nu-clear campaigners. They had hoped it would be a first step to getting nuclear bombs banned in the same way as chemical and biological weapons. Nevertheless, it is widely regarded in the inter-

threat of use, of nuclear national community as a sig-weapons per se".

The court had been asked emerging post-cold war survival of a state would be at by the General Assembly for jurisprudence. jurisprudence.
The court's non-binding

opinion was decided by a cast-ing vote from its Algerian president. Mohammed Bed-jaoui. The judges finally de-clared: "The threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law applica-ble in armed conflicts, and in particular the principles and

The court dismissed, by 11 votes to three, the World Health Organisation's request for an opinion on whether the for an opinion on whether the sought to realism their legal health and environmental effects of nuclear weapons Zealand led the call for nuwould make them illegal.

Forty-three governments made written submissions and 22 testified during eleven days of hearings. Two-thirds argued for illegality, but Britain and the other nuclear weapon powers predictably sought to reaffirm their legal

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Former Conservative Party chairman signals his intention to fight for soul of the party after the Hong Kong handover

Patten takes on Eurosceptics

'I would argue,

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for that vision

Chris Patten on his

political future

place in Europe'

work and

John Palmer in Brussels

HRIS Patten, the lovernor of Hong onservative Party chairman, served notice on Tory Eurosceptics yesterday that he will join battle with them for the soul of the party and Brit-ain's future role in Europe after his return to the UK

In a declaration which clearly pressaged his inten-tion of returning to British politics, Mr Patten, who lost his Bath seat at the last general election, said he was ready to campaign in the party and throughout the distance Britain from the the European Parliament and

"The party to which I be-long and of which I was chair. Ittle doubt that his thoughts

man was associated with the lated decision to join the European Union. I feel very strongly that Britain's role today and in the future should be to remain at the heart of Europe." he told a press conference in Brussels. "I would argue, work and knock on doors with as much passion as I can muster for that vision of Britain's place in Europe," he said. "It is in-conceivable to imagine cir-

cumstances in which Britain would not be part of the build-ing of a strong, prosperous and open European Union." during a three-day visit to Brussels for discussions on the future of Hong Kong with the European Commission, EU governments. At his press



political future after China's takeover of Hong Kong in June next year, and to the internal party battle over

challenges facing the Euro-pean Union after the current review of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Patten said that enlargement of the union to include central Europe and the Balkans should be its over-

riding priority.
"I am struck by the contrast between the enthusiasm for admitting Spain, Portugal and Greece when they overthrew the shackles of fascism and the questioning about enlargement to central and eastern Europe today,"

he said. In words which will be seen by Tory Eurosceptics as indi-cating his support for still closer European political union in the years ahead, Mr Europe. be concerned with the issues Patten went on: "There is no some see an outright split in touching on Europe, and Brit-contradiction between an enthe party as next to inevitable

ain's place in Europe. It larged Europe and greater after the British general would be surprising if I was sovereignty sharing in the face of fierce A leading EPP official said Turning to the political opposition from the British government, most EU countries have already made it clear they want the intergovernmental conference to

agree on more majority vot-ing and greater sovereignty sharing in fields such as for-eign and security policy and the fight against crime.

In addition to his formal meetings with the EU Commission and government leaders. Mr Patten will also meet members of the Christian Democrat-led European Peoples' Party, with which the Tory Party is affiliated in the European Parliament. The EPP and most Tory MEPs

in Brussels yesterday: "Chris

Patten is a highly thought of British political figure. I am sure we all believe he will play an important part in the future of politics in his party and in the political life of Britain when he stands down as governor of Hong Kong." During his visit to Brussels,

During his visit to Brussels. Mr Patten appealed to EU governments to agree to visafree travel for all Hong Kong passport holders. This, he said, would be an important contribution to ensuring confidence and stability in Hong Kong ahead of the transfer to Chieseans. Chinese rule. "It is important for the European Union and the international community scepticism with alarm and its promises about Hong some see an outright split in the party as new to its new factors.

splurge stuns Arizona

Jonathan Freedland

As IF to confirm one of the hoariest stereo-types of the Arab world, the wife of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has S IF to confirm one of stunned the good people of Phoenix, Arizona, with a two-year spending spree that would make Croesus

In a show of the spendthrift habits that made the Gulf oil elite a comedians' favourite in the 1970s, Al-Anud Bint Musaid Bin an economic recovery by giving \$100 (about £60) tips, paying for precious jewels in cash and hiring scores of lackeys to attend to her every whim.

The royal - who is incorrectly referred to as the Queen of Saudi Arabia — arrived in Phoenix in October 1994 for a spine operation. She was meant to stay for three weeks, but instead pitched camp in the desert city for the best part of two

And what a camp. Details of the Saudi sojourn have just emerged, depicting a no-expenses-spared take-over of the plush Paradise Valley neighbourhood.

Giving two days' notice of their mistress's arrival, staff of the Saudi embassy in Washington swept into Phoenix to refit the city's Barrow Neurological Institute to match her needs. They took over the bospi-tal's seventh floor, moved out the other patients, repainted the rooms and fitted the floors with price-less Persian carpets.

A top-class chef was brought in, and nurses were taught the finer points of sheikh etiquette. A high-powered satellite dish was installed to keep up with events back home. One corridor was lined with bouquets. "Walking down the hallway was like walking in a rose garden," said Volker Sonntag, the

neurologist who treated the royal spine.
As a mark of their gratitude, the Saudi party gave envelopes bulging with cash to hospital staff, including cleaners. Managers ruled that the tips were so substantial they had to be

returned.
While the patient convalesced, her 300-strong entourage transformed the local economy. Jewellers were shelled out as much as \$30,000 in cash on impulse buys, while the local limousine company had 58 of its cars on permanent stand-by.

The caravan of largesse has now moved on to Los Angeles, where King Fahd's wife has promised to stay for a while before heading home. Californians are said to be hoping she's in no hurry.

MANDELA IN LONDON: Behind the smiles, an urgent mission to alleviate South Africa's economic crisis

about this issue after 1997;

that is not to say, necessarily.

back in the House of Com-mons," Mr Patten said. "I will

Hard-headed City softens to legend of a hero Ruaridh Nicell EYOND the royals' the public's friendly waves, South Africa's be far away as Nelson Man-dela — who begins four days of state activities in Britain today — dots his programme with business meetings to at-tract investment in the "rainbow nation" Despite all he has done to bring about peaceful change, . Mr Mandela will not rest on his laurels but will do every- privatisation, because of the

Africa continues apace.

Tomorrow he will address the CBI and the Committee on South African Trade; on Thursday he has an early morning meeting with the chairman of BP, followed by breakfast at the Bank of Eng-land; and on Friday he will spend the evening as the guest of the diamond giant,

With 30 per cent unemployment in South Africa, and crime out of control, Mr Mandela's government has set out to create 400,000 new jobs a year and double the growth rate to 6 per cent. With the rand falling, anti-apartheid groups that used to fight for sanctions are now crying out for companies to inve

The City, a generally cyni-cal place, seems to soften when it comes to Mr Mandela. 'He is a wonderful visionary and leader," said John Sanders of NatWest's South Africa sk. "There's a real will and desire in the City to see South Africa succeed," said Sir Robin Renwick, former Brit-ish ambassador to South Afinvestment bankers Robert Fleming.

Nice words indeed - which count for little in the real world of international fi-nance: "In the end the City

The City lauds Mandela and the ANC for leaving their old beliefs in nationalisation be-hind and embracing the competitive market. But promises, it says, must lead to action, little of which it has so far seen. What it will want to hear this week is are Mr Mandela's plans to reduce crime, a timescale to begin partial pri-vatisation of the telephone industry and the nation's airports, and his commitment to building houses — one of his in the City think there might he an announcement about presence of Stella Sigcau, the minister responsible for the

If Ms Sigcau comes through and names the company South Africa has chosen to advise it on its privatisation plans, and 96 companies have expressed an interest so far, then the City will respond.

Britain is by far the large nvestor in South Africa, and the City wants to see the econmy there grow so investing only there grow so investigation in infrastructure projects can begin — with British companies to the fore.

While Mr Mandela brings

his charm to bear on the various sections of the Establishment, he will know that in this capitalist world it will be the husiness community that will see his country win or

Sir Robin, Renwick, who was ambassador during the dying gasps of apartheid, is feeling good. "To see the new South African flag against the Union Jack along the mail does my heart a lot of good after all that country had to

go through," he said.

The South African president would, though, be within his rights to ask where the businessmen who so admire But of course that isn't his style — not when he is trying to build the "rainbow nation".



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Friday 12 July: 🕼

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over the work of the Prince's Trust.

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Trafelger Square with Prince Andrew

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4.45pm; Showered with honorary degrees by eight of the country's ersities in the garden at Buckingham Palace. 6.30pm: Receives freedom of the city at Guildhall and Mansion Hou

Thursday 11 July: 5.30mm: Meeting with the busin world at the Bank of England. 11am: Addresses the combined Houses of Parliament at

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Cabinet split as aerospace groups compete for £2bn RAF contract

work for 15 companies, with GEC-Marconi Avionics gaining £100 million of work in Edinburgh, providing jobs for constituents in both Mr Rifkind's and Lord James Hamilton's marginal seats. Lord James Hamilton is a junior

Scottish Office minister.
Another beneficiary would be rivals British Aerospace at Prestwick, where GEC plans to sub-contract work to build parts of the fuselage and flight control assembly. Aerostructures Hamble in Hamp shire will also benefit from centre and forward fuselage

Nimrod velsus Orion Nimrod British Aerospace and Boeing



A Household Cavalryman on guard in front of South Africa's flag Photograph: Jacqueline APZT

BAs/Bosing collaboration is worth 10,000 jobs (2,000 for BAS). There may be export opportunities for the being made in the UK and litted to other planes.



Orion Lockheed

Westland, Hunting, Divity, Lockheed Martin Scotland will benefit most, with contracts worth some

"Vidal da Costa?" I asked. "Yes. Who is it?" "George Monbiot. Can we meet?" "What for?" "I want to talk about what you were doing in 1989." "I've got nothing to say to you." "I want to talk about what you did to the peasants here. When can we meet?"

G2 cover story



A tent covers the spot by a railway line in Bootle where the body of Jade Matthews was found PHOTOGRAPH PETER BYRNE

Bulger case haunts same area as neighbour recalls mother's screams

Police seek three boys in hunt for killer of girl, 9

Martyn Halsell

OLICE hunting the killer of nine-year-old Jade Matthews were last night seeking three boys aged nine or 10 seen near the little-used Liverpool railway line where her

body was found.
Jade's natural father, Alan
Priest, 34, was yesterday detained by police and was still
being questioned last night,
but detectives said this was
part of their routine inquiries. "It does not mean — and
it is immortant to stress this it is important to stress this

it is important to stress this—that we have got the offender in custody," said Chief Superintendent Ray Walker, head of Merseyside CID.

Stark similarities to the murder of toddler James Bulger in February 1993 emerged yesterday as a team of 50 detectives extended inquiries across the same area. "We are obviously most anxious to trace these children [the three boys]", Detective Superintendent Geoff MacDonald, who is leading the murder inquiry, said yesterreported to police about 9pm.

day, adding: "But we have no | A police dog-handler found | school's worst nightmare." In reason to believe they are im- | her body behind an industrial | the playground, Lena Smith,

Police were anxious to play down parallels with the Bulger case, in which two 10-

Bulger case, in which two 10-year-old boys were sentenced to be detained at Her Majes-ty's Pleasure for his murder barely two miles from where Jade's body was found. Jade was the only daughter of Denise Matthews, 31, and her stepfather Stephen Mat-thews, 37. Mrs Matthews and Mr Priest have been es-tranged for about three years, but police said there had been no custody dispute and no no custody dispute and no animosity between them.

Jade was last seen leaving her terraced home in Bootle,

her terraced home in Bootle, north Liverpool, about 4pm on Sunday to play after her tea, Mr MacDonald — who was also involved in the Bulger inquiry — said yesterday. He added: "We are led to believe she never wandered too far from her home."

Some 300 neighbours and friends began a search after Jade failed to return home by 7.30pm and her absence was reported to police about 90m.

estate about two miles from her home in the early hours of yesterday. No attempt had been made to cover the body and a number of blood-stained items, including a stick, were removed for tests. Jade, who suffered serious fa-cial injuries, appeared to have died at the scene.

Police said there was no immediate evidence of a sexual assault or that she had been abducted.

abducted.

A tent on the railway embankment yesterday marked the spot where Jade was found. On a nearby bridge over the line, local resident Lee Monaghan said he had come to pay his respects. "I'm gutted; it's a shocker," said the unemployed father of two. Orrell county junior school, which Jade attended, recalled "a lovely, lively little girl, very interested in sport and very popular with other pupils." He added: "We are devected I support the school of the second of the secon

who has two grandchildren at the school, said the whole neighbourhood grabbed torches to search the area after Jade was reported missand one lad fell into the ca-nal," she said. "All the young lads on bikes were spinning round, even lads that had been in jail."

She remembered the mo-

ment the police arrived at Jade's home and said she would never forget her moth-er's screams, which could be

heard several doors away.

Jade's next door neighbour.
Tommy Clube, 61, said: "I
took the dog for a walk last
night about 7.30 and passed
Jade's mum on the step. She
said: If you see our Jade,
send her in' She was a the send her in.' She was on the step shouting for her." Local resident Sue Miller,

who also went to the railway bridge near where the body was found, said: "It's disgust-ing. She only asked her mum if she could go out . . it's brought the Bulger case back



Nine-year-old Jade Matthews, who went out to play on Sunday evening and whose body was found early yesterday

Leniency call for 'suicidal' jail escapers

broke out of Park-hurst maximum security prison should be treated with "extreme leniency", the jury in their trial

the judge yesterday. Both men — Keith Rose, 47 and Andrew Rodger, 46 — were yesterday found guilty at Woolwich crown court

at Woolwich crown court, south-east London, of charges of breaking prison, along with arsonist Matthew Williams, 27, who admitted taking part in the "weil-planned" breakout from the Isle of Wight jail in January 1995.

The escape precipitated a crisis for the Prison Service and the sacking of its director general, Derek Lewis, by Home Secretary Michael Howard when the inquiry report was published in October.

Matthew Williams, one of the three Parkhurst escapers "strongly felt" Rose should be granted a retrial of the murder conviction he had spent years trying to overturn.

Rose described their breakout as "a unilateral declaration of parole" to publicise the fight to clear his name, and claimed it was timed to cause "maximum embarrass-

The jury's plea for extreme leniency in Rodger's case when the judge passes sentence today, and for compassion in Rose's case, followed submissions that they were so depressed in prison they would have committed suicide had they not tried to escape.

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cause "maximum em ment" to Mr Howard.

Both he and Rodger nodded appreciatively and smiled at the jury as the foreman made their recommendations.

Judge Hubert Dunn ruled invalid their defence that they were entitled to the same protection as someone allowed in law to commit a

crime to prevent a death.

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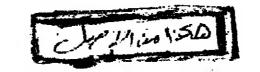
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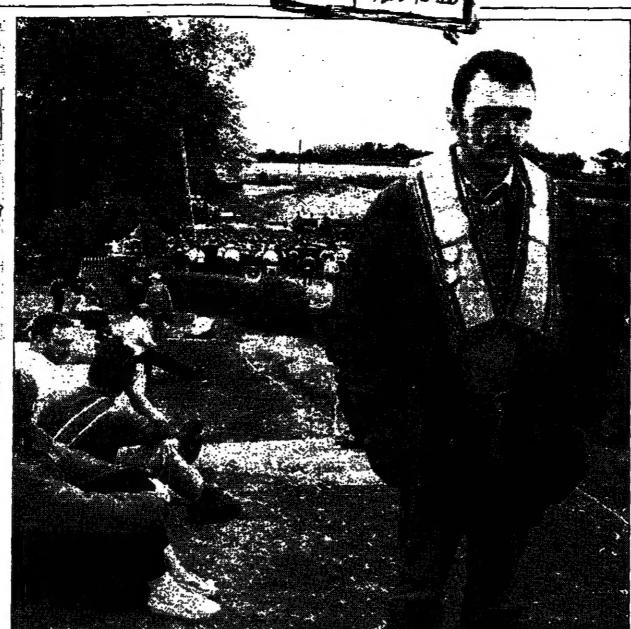
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Orangeman vents anger at betrayal of history

Owen Bowcott hears from both sides of the sectarian divide as Portadown stand-off leads to violence putting peace talks under pressure



Standing firm . . . David Benson at Drumcree yesterday: 'I will stay here for as long as it takes to win' PHOTOGRAPH KELVIN BOYE

Loyalists

icidal'

apers

GEORGE Benson is buried in Drumcree churchyard. A farmer and loyal lodge member, he followed the Orange Order parade through the outlying fields into Portadown for nearly 60 years.

Yesterday, his grandson, David, stood beside his grave and looked out over a line of barbed-wire entanglements, riot shields and mounting

Unshaven, he snatched a few hours sleep overnight in Drumcree parish hall. "It's our traditional route;" he in-sisted "It's a public highway; That area was all Protestant

many years ago."
He is now secretary of the Loyal Orange Lodge, No 308, and his collarette, trimmed with purple cloth and silver braiding, gives pride of place to a commemorative medal. Suspended from a blue rib-

July 9-11 1995 badge honours those who gathered on the same spot last year to con-front the Royal Ulster Con-

stabulary and force through their march.

History, he believes, has turned against the Orange Order: "It's ridiculous. For 25 years those boys on the nationalist estates were killing the police, now they are being protected by them.
"I have walked the parade

route for the last two years and my grandfather went that way all his lifetime. It's a relizious occasion, not a political emonstration."

A Presbyterian by faith, David Benson, aged 30, works at a local hotel and is married with four children. "I will stay here for as long

as it takes to win. I'm supposed to be back at work on Thursday, but I'll still be here if we haven't got through.
Our forefathers lost a lot
more than their jobs to preserve our freedoms.

"We are calebrating a great tradition. We often get: English visitors at the hotel who think it's a bit childish. If would understand." The route into town used to year to con- pass through farmland and a The determ Ulster Con- rose nursery. Over the de- nitely there.

cades, housing estates have spread out from Portadown.

In the graveyard, where tents have been set up among the headstones. Mr Benson tends his grandfather's plot before returning to the fray.
"I went home for a couple of hours this morning," he said. "I'm not sure when I'll get back again."

For those organising the protest, the mounting toll of arson and felled trees is an mbarrassment. Graham Montgomery, an Orange Order spokesman, said: Burning car showrooms makes it very difficult for us to explain that the Orange Order is making a stand on

principle.
"The politicians are encouraging the loyalist cease fire to hold. "We want to convince the loyalists that all that can be done is being done and that there's no need to go out and

"Our plan is to People will see this through. There's no doubt about that

Catholics

QUATTING on a low Obrick wall alongside the semi-deserted Garvaghy Road, Patrick smiled from under his baseball cap but declined to reveal his urname.

Loyalist gunmen had resumed their killings, he shrugged. It was no longer safe for Catholics in Porta-down to be identified. On the Ballyoran and

Churchill estates, through which the Orange Order parade had been due to pass, the atmosphere was momentarily reminiscent

That year, when the army was first deployed on the streets of Northern Ireland to quell the rioting, soldiers were greeted as protectors by a grateful nationalist

Yesterday girls chatted parked Saxon armoured weadjoining the Catholic church. The soldiers' pres-

ence was reassurance that the Orange parade would be held at bay.
"For the first time in our

history the British army played with us on our Gaelic football pitch," said Patrick, aged 24.
"We offered them a game under Gaelic rules but they

said they did not know them, so we beat them 6-0 at ordinary football." Graffiti declaring "Up The East Tyrone Brigade, IRA" may still disfigure the walls of the estate but the

mood had changed.
"I'm very pleased with what the police are doing here. People used to throw petrol bombs and stones at them but recently they have begun to show their

It was not true that the route of the Orange Order parade had remained unal-tered for 200 years, he said. They used to walk a different route through the tunbut when that was stopped. hicles in a recreation area around 1986, they diverted

"The objection is not that they are Orangemen and have different views to us. But they want to march down here because it's a nationalist area.

"If we asked permission for a nationalist parade to go into the centre of the town the police would re-fuse us. They can't even protect young Catholics who wander up there and get attacked.

"The feeling here now is that the RUC are letting the loyalist protests get out of hand ... The authorities should let the British army go in and scoop up all the

loyalists protesting."

Married with three children, he fears the riots will bring the Ulster Volunteer Force gunmen back on to the streets in a fresh campaign of sectarian killings." Across the road an older

man said of the parades: "I don't mind if it is just case for them to show their strength and domination of the people around here then it shouldn't happen."

News in brief

Poor 'victims in voucher battle'

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats were ignoring the needs of thousands of children from poor families in the political battle over nursery vouchers, the Pre-school Learning Alliance, the largest pre-school organisation, said yesterday. Today the vouchers bill returns to the Commons and MPs will debate a Lords' amendment which would delay a national scheme after this year's pilot in four local authorities, under which parents of four-year-olds receive an £1,100 voucher.

The alliance appealed to the Opposition not to hold up help to thousands of unemployed or lone parents. Margaret Lochrie, chief executive, said the alliance had serious reservations short vouchers but at least they would help the worst-off parents who now slipped through the local authority net.

Parents of an estimated 200,000 children needed help with playgroup fees and the alliance had launched a £I million appeal to help tham. "Pre-schools charge very modest fees — £2 or £3 a morning — but even those are beyond the means of many parents. The Opposition is choosing to ignore the needs of thousands of children." A Labour spokesman denied parents would suffer from scrapping the vouchers scheme and said the party wanted a genuine partnership with the voluntary sec-Donald MacLeod

Student 'died in prank'

A STUDENT died from head injuries after "surfing" out of a car window during a drumken prank, Oxford crown court heard yesterday. Thomas Pickett, aged 21, lost his grip on the the car as he leaned back towards the ground.

The driver, Tatsuya Yoshimura, and a back seat passenger,

Monica Bader, went to his aid after he plunged on to a cycle path on Headington Hill, Oxford, but he later died in hospital. Yoshi-mura, of Oxford, denies causing death by dangerous driving and causing death by driving without due care and attention while over the drink-drive limit.

Isobel Daykyns, prosecuting, said that Yoshimura, Pickett and other friends had been drinking before going to a nightclub on November 7 last year. As they were driving home towards Brookes university, Pickett "leaned backwards out of the window. He put his feet, which had been on the car seat, on to the roof of the car." Yoshimura was taken to Oxford police station where a breath test showed he was more than twice over the drink-drive

Former head denies assaults

THE former headmaster of a West Country boarding school entered dormitories late at night and indecently assaulted boys aged between nine and 12, a court heard yesterday. One boy, frightened by what had happened, telephoned the Childline counselling service from a public telephone in the school.

Robert Hay, aged 42, denies seven counts of indecent assault against six pupils. The offences are alleged to have taken place between August 1993 and June of last year. The judge at Bristol crown court has made an order under the Children and Young Persons Act preventing publication of the name and address of the school or identifying the children. Robert Duvel, prosecuting, said that until he had resigned as a result of the allegations Hay had occupied a position of trust and responsibility. While on duty at night Hay would regularly visit the dormitories. The indecent assaults were witnessed by three children and the crown intended to call them as witnesses. The case continues. — Geoffrey

Diana considers the offer

THE Princess of Wales had talks with her solicitor yesterday to Trice Princess of Wales had talks with her solicitor yesterday to prepare a response to Prince Charles's divorce offer. Anthony Julius, of the London law firm of Mishcon de Reya, said there would be no statement yet following speculation that details of the divorce package were "not cut and dried".

An official announcement of the Prince and Princess's intention to end their 15-year marriage now looks unlikely before

Friday. The princess's legal team think it is unreasons expect her to reply to the prince's offer, which was delivered last Thursday after more than 10 weeks of deadlock, in just a few days. people going to church on a The offer is thought to include a cash pay-off of between £10 Sunday, but when it's an exas the princess's London residence.

Deprived areas may be hit

COUNCILS in deprived areas of England would lose millions of pounds under an "area cost adjustment" of funding recommended by a government commissioned study. Cornwall, where the county council would have spending curbed by £20 million, North-east cities, and the commuter belt of Essex and Kent would be losers using a revised system of distributing grants and setting spending levels to reflect more closely the cost of delivering

services. Authorities along the Thames Valley, especially Newbury, Reading, Aylesbury and Wokingham, would gain if ministracept proposals made by a team headed by Bob Elliott of en university. Some authorities have long complained that those in London and the South-east unfairly gained from allowences for higher wage costs, and the new system will ine the arguments about how the spending cake should be

Man jailed for NHS swindle

THE chief of a private air ambulance company who carried out a £590,000 swindle involving a London hospital was jailed for seven years yesterday. Richard Sage, 34, hoodwinked St Thomas's hospital with grandiose claims about the size of his international firm, Behmont Air and Road Ambulance Services.

He set up a fake US arm to Belmont, and billed St Thomas's for bogus air transfers of non-existent patients around the world. He obtained £519,000 from the hospital, although some of that money was later repeid, Southwark crown court was told. Sage, of
Woking, Surrey, who enjoyed a lavish lifestyle, embarked on the
swindle after he was released from a five-year jail term for earlier
deceptions in which he posed as a doctor.
He admitted eight counts of obtaining property by deception.

one count of conspiracy to defraud, one count of obtaining a pecuniary advantage, and making a false statement to procure a passport. He was also disqualified from being a company director

Balti bewilderment on fat risk

Birmingham defends dish 'healthier than fish and chips'

Stuart Miller

T COULD be the curry world's equivalent of the BSE crisis — an entire in-dustry brought to its knees by a warning that the highly spiced and enormously popu-

But in Birmingham yester day there was more bewilder-ment than panic over medical advice that the Kashmiri dishes, cooked in a Karahi wok and based on a traditional tribal recipe were high in fat content because of the use of cholesterol inducing ghee, a clarified butter. In the home of Balti, few comments are more likely to

More Brum than Baltistan

BALTI curries seems to cooking is that of putting the traditional Indian iron bucket and boiling es, and yet it is more a product of Birmingham than of the sub-continent,

writes Soroh Boseley.
There is a Baltistan in Kashmir, but it is unlikely that its residents would recognise the dishes offered in Sparkhill: If it owes anything, it is

taurant, in the city's Spark-hill district, the sizzle of barbecued meat and vegetables mingled with the scornful remarks of the mainly Asian customers. "It's a lot of rab-bish," said Omar Khayam, aged. 19."Pakistanis have been eating balti for centuries

them with spices. In Bir-mingham and in Bradford, Balti dishes are cooked in metal pan called a karahi which is brought to the

table. Elsewhere, the short-cut is to cook the curry and pour it into the wok at the last minute. It is supposed to be eaten with an oversize

to Afghan tribesman. Balti to be eaten with an oversize means bucket. The style of naan bread, using fingers. emrage popular opinion. In and there is no evidence of in the bustling Shahi Nan res- doing them any harm."

doing them any harm."
The owner Azhar Mahmood, said the doctors should get their facts straight. "As far as I know none of the restaurants around here use

week. That wouldn't happen if there was a problem."

Balti has replaced fish and chips as the most popular cui-sine in many cities. In Spark-hill, Birmingham, the number of Balti houses has exploded from eight five rears ago to 65 today.

Mohamed Nazit, owner of the award winning Royal Naim, said: "Balti is healthier than fish and chips or beefburgers, and a lot tastier. That's why it's and a for easeer. That s why it is so popular. Our food is of vary high quality. As far as our food is concerned these warnings are rubbish." Peter Rainbow, a car sales-

man aged 23, was enjoying a lunchtime chicken tikka balti and nan bread, "I eat in h two or three times a week and that's not going to change."

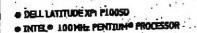
Sri Venugopal, president of the Overseas Doctors Association which issued the warning about Balti and other high-choghee any more, we all use veg-etable oil. Many of my cus-tomers are Asian doctors who come in here at least twice a



Finger lickin' good . . . a customer tucks into his Balti based on a traditional tribal recipe PHOTOGRAPH MIKE SHAPP

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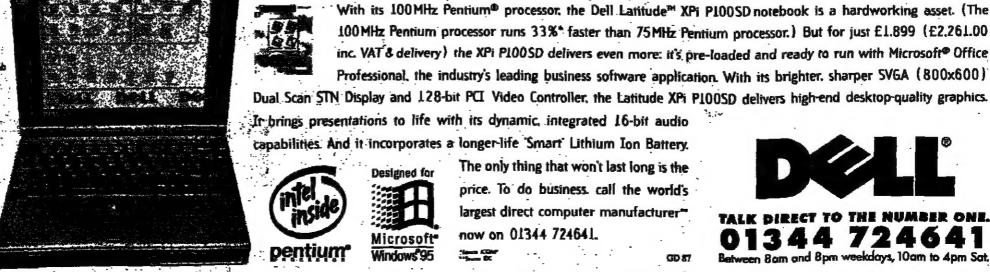
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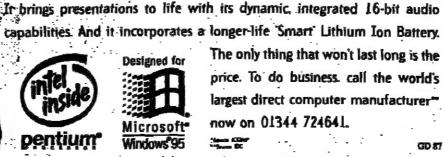
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monstrators dispersed . . . Police fire a water cannon in New Delhi yesterday as 200 members of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party protest against a rise in petrol prices

Israeli PM anxious to reassure Clinton over hardliner's cabinet post and future of peace process

Sharon clouds Netanyahu's US visit

Jonathan Freedland

NYAMIN Netanyahu arrives in Washington on his first visit as Israel's prime minister today, amid American anxiety over the last-minute inclusion of the hardliner Ariel Sharon in his already shaky cabinet.

The appointment of the former general, forced on Mr Ne-tanyahu by a threat of resignation from his foreign minister. cast a cloud over the visit. US cast a cloud over the visit. US Wariness over Mr Netanofficials had made it clear that yahu was heightened by his the fate of Gen Sharon, reviled first post-election meeting in promised withdrawal from

peace process.

The new prime minister clearly wanted to delay the appointment until after his visit. But aides argued that while the Clinton administration would have struggled to accept Gen Sharon in either of the key posts of defence or finance, it could probably tolerate him as minister of the new portfolio of "national in-

as the architect of Israel's 1982 | Jerusalem with the US secretavasion of Lebanon, would be read as an indicator of Mr Netanyahu's commitment to the later of the two were said to have had be readed as an indicator of Mr Netanyahu is too the later of t frosty encounter.

Washington is unhappy about the Likud leader's rejection of the land-for-peace principle which has under-pinned the peace process, and by his failure to meet the Pal-estinian leader, Yasser Ara-fat. So far all contact has been through an aide.

But Mr Netanyahu has sig-nalled that he is keen to pla-cate the Americans. He repor-

Peres. He intends to lift barriers on Palestinians working relationship to risk a fight. in Israel and back the flow of Educated in the US and a fluinternational aid to Mr Araent performer of soundbite in Israel and back the flow of fat's Palestinian Authority.

Mr Netanyahu is also expected to offer the prospect of that characterised the last Li-

substantial progress on Leba-non. He will reportedly say that if Lebanon and Syria stop Hizbullah rocket attacks on northern Israel, he will pull Israeli forces out of southern Lebanon — the key Hizbullah demand.

Israeli sources said yester-

raeli leader with whom the US can do business. For Mr Clinton, the visit is anxious to maintain the strength of the US-Israeli a chance to mend the damage of his endorsement of Mr

Peres, and to restore faith in his greatest foreign policy achievement — the Middle East peace process. Now resigned to the likelihood that there will be no Israeli-Syrian election, Mr Clinton will be looking for a guarantee that at least the current gains can be maintained

The result is that both men have a big stake in this week's visit going well and looking good on camera.

Republicans try to oust Americans head south to Perry over Saudi attack buy banned sedatives

Martin Walker in Washington

ITING new evidence on intelligence and secu-rity failures that led to the death of 19 US troops in last month's terrorist bomb attack in Saudi Arabia, the Republicans will open hear-ings in Congress today aimed at unseating the defence secretary, William Perry. The Republicans have gath-

ered evidence — and military and civilian witnesses - to condemn security procedures at the Khobar Towers complex, outside the Dhahran air They will assert that de-

killed five Americans and two Indians in Riyadh last No-Intelligence Agency had vir-tually no knowledge of Saudi militants, and assumed they could deploy nothing more le in Riyadh. The truck bomb used at Dhahran contained some three tons of explosive. The Republicans will also

produce the security reports filed on the dangers to the Dhahran base by US air force experts, who produced a list of 39 recommended precau-tions, including relocating US troops into the desert or away from the vulnerable perimeter at Khobar Towers, and covering all the windows with plastic film to prevent flying glass. This would have cost \$4.5 million (£2.9 million) and was delayed because of cost.

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But on the basis of the flawed intelligence, the air force team did not stress the rimeter beyond the 80ft outside Khobar Towers. And altried to obtain permission widen the perimeter, they did not push the issue nor appeal to higher political and diplo-

matic authority.
Military and civilian intel ligence agencies have com-plained that they were given little help by their Saudi al-lies. The four Saudi nationals convicted of the Riyadh bomb were tried and then beheaded without being made available

example ir. the Orlando Sentinel which showed an Arab sheikh telling an American soldier: "No, you don't under-stand. The deal is that you get to defend us. We don't have to efend you."

Clinton administration officials fear two serious implica-tions of the hearings before the Senate armed services and intelligence committees. They expect some pointed criticism of the alliance with Saudi Arabia.

They also expect a con-certed attempt — already threatened by Senator Arlen Specter, chairman of the in-telligence committee, and by the House Speaker, Newt scapegoat. Mr Perry's vulnerability is

increased by the Republicans' fear that President Clinton is slipping out of the clutches of the Whitewater scandal. In an interview published in this week's New Yorker. the independent counsel Ken-

neth Starr suggested that even if his inquiry led to criminal charges against the Clintons, it was unlikely that they would be filed before election day in November. The Pentagon's relations

with the White House have been transformed since Mr Perry became defence secre-tary and General John Shali-kashvili took over as chair-man of the joint chiefs of staff. Its readiness to deploy US power in Haiti and Bosnia has buttressed President ClinLaxer laws mean that Mexican chemists can sell the so-called 'date rape' drug, writes Mary Beth Sheridan in Tijuana

Arturo, a Tijuana focused attention on Mexicaxi driver, sizes up co's border pharmacies. the tourists trudging off the footbridge from the United

"Taxi, lady? You want pharmacy? I get you good pharmacy," he says. "Good prices. No prescriptions." Soon, he is nosing his car through scraffy streets choked with pharmacies. His customer wants Rohyp Gingrich — to single out Mr Perry as the most likely scapegoat in the US. In under an hour. a chemist is handing over

the pills. Rohypnol is the hottest new drug threat in the American South-west. Drug authorities are pushing to criminalise the sedative. described by the US cus-toms commissioner, George Weise, as "another nightmare for every parent in America" when he banned

imports in March But the drug has a respected manufacturer, the Swiss pharmaceutical giant F. Hoffmann-La Roche, which produces it in Mexico City, and is avail-able in much of Latin America with a prescription often easily obtained. It appears to be crossing

So many American tour-ists are buying drugs that the number of Tijuana pharmacies, with their low, government-controlled prices, has doubled in the past five years to 700, according to Ignacio Romo Calderon, vice-president of

kud prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir. Mr Netanyahu does not want to repeat Mr Sha-

mir's stand-off with former

president George Bush, which paved the way for the Likud defeat of 1992.

Instead, he will go to great

So many tourists are buying drugs that the number of pharmacies has doubled

the local pharmacy ssociation. Looser regulations en-able the pharmacies to sell drugs that are unavailable or require prescriptions in

the US.
US police first spotted abuse of Rohypnol, the brand name for flunitraze-pam, in 1993. Although it has never been approved for use in the US, the sleeping medication is sold le-gally in 64 countries. But insomniacs weren't the border via pharmacies But insomniacs weren't clared at the bin towns like Tijuana and the only ones using Robyp-Angeles Times.

nol. The inexpensive pills were popped by heroin users to heighten a trip's ef-fects, and by teenagers who wanted to feel drunk.

Rohypnol has been blamed in numerous "daterape" drug cases in which men slipped it into their companions' drinks, knock-

ing them unconscious.

Worried by the abuse Hoffmann-La Roche has cut its Rohypnol distributors in Mexico from 200 to 16 and hired a former official of the US Drugs Enforcement Agency (DEA) to establish that the drug was not being diverted from Mexico City.

These actions and the US customs ban have resulted in a drop in sales of Robypnol in Mexico by 30 to 35 per cent, said Ms Glynn. Dr Eduardo Alzua, the Mexican health ministry's chief of regulation for Baja California Norte, said be was cracking down on doc-tors who readily hand out prescriptions, and pharma cles that dispense prescription drugs. The ministry also requires a special gov-ernment seal on many pre-scriptions, he said.

But there is nothing to stop Americans from buy-ing most medicines at Mexican pharmacies. US Customs usually allows Americans to bring in a "personal supply" of prescription drugs — up to 90 days' worth — to be de-clared at the border. — Los

Russian dissident in hospital

During the bitter campaign both candidates accused the other of having ties to drug traffickers. — Phil Gunson, Latin America correspondent.

rarty, conceded deteat while warning of rough times aread for the South American country's 11.5 million people.

Mr Bucaram has courted controversy: in the 1980s he was twice forced to seek refuge in Panama — once because of a libel case brought by the armed forces and once when he was accused of embezzlement as mayor of the city of Guayaquil.

The self-styled "force of the poor" has caused nervousness in the business community, with fears for foreign investment.

During the bitter campaign both candidates accused the

Ecuador's 'El Loco'

A FIERY populist who rejoices in the nickname "El Loco" and calls his opponent "the anti-Christ" will be Ecuador's next president. Abdala Bucaram, of the centre left Roldosista Party, won Sunday's second-round election with 54 per cent of the won sunday's second-round election will be sold vote, according to preliminary results.

His rival, Jaime Nebot of the conservative Social Christian Party, conceded defeat while warning of rough times ahead for

wins presidency

SERGEI KOVALYOV, the human rights campaigner who became the most famous dissident in post-Soviet Russia for his stand

the most famous dissident in post-Soviet Russia for his stand against the war in Chechenia, was last night seriously ill in hospital after suffering a heart attack.

His aide Irina Yeryomina said the 66-year-old biologist was in intensive care after he being taken ill in the night, shortly before a scheduled trip to Britain. Mr Kovalyov served 10 years in a labour camp for championing human rights with his friend Andrei Sakharov. In 1990 Mr Kovalyov became head of the Russian Supreme Soviet's human rights committee and commissioner on human rights for President Boris Yeltsin.

But Mr Kovalyov broke with Mr Yeltsin over the war in

But Mr Kovalyov broke with Mr Yeltsin over the war in Chechenia and appeared in the Chechen capital, Grozny, sheltering in basements at the height of the Russian bombardment in attempts to broker a ceasefire. — David Hearst, Moscow.

Cuban hijacker 'must return'

HAVANA has demanded that a Cuban who hijacked a plane at gunpoint on Sunday and took it to the United States naval base at Guantánamo Bay on the south-east tip of the island be repatriated, a senior Cuban official said yesterday.

The president of the Cuban National Assembly, Ricardo Alarcón, said that under a US-Cuba immigration agreement last year. Washington had agreed to repatriate Cubans trying to use the base as a way to immigrate.

Washington condemned the hitacking but did not say whether

Washington condemned the hijacking but did not say whether the hijacker would be returned to Havana or tried in the US. The hijacker — identified by the Pentagon as Lieutenant-Colonel José Fernandez Pupo - has requested asylum in the US. An official said 16 other people aboard the flight were released unharmed and returned to Guantánamo City. — Reuter. Havano

Bhuttos fail to make up

MURTAZA Bhutto, the estranged brother of Pakistan's prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, yesterday dismissed reports that they had reconciled, saying that there remained deep political differences between them.

"The ice has broken to the extent that we've had our first meeting since 1990," he said, referring to three-hour talks at Ms Bhutto's official residence in Islamabad on Sunday night. "Beforethe meeting I thought there could be some convergence of views.

but the gulf has become even wider."

Mr Bhutto, aged 42, returned to Pakistan from a 16-year exile in 1993, five weeks after his sister became prime minister for a second time. He was immediately jailed for terrorist acts allegely committed during the 11-year dictatorship of General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, who ousted his father.

Later released on bail, Mr Bhutto established a rival faction of the ruling Pakistan People's Party. He said he had laid down two preconditions for a merger: the reinstatement of their mother.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, as chairperson of the PPP, and the expulsion of "the killers of my father, the remnants of the Zia regime from the government. — Gerald Bourke, Islamabad.

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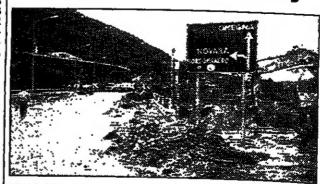
'Ignore hype of Aids success'

zerts wartied yesterday that hopes that Aids and HIV had been defeated by a new range of drugs were wildly misplaced and that patients and doctors should not be seduced by marketing hype.

The warning came as 15,000 people attended the opening session of the 11th International Conference on Aids in Vancouver, Canada. Researchers said several new drug treatments promised — at least in the short term — to hold the Aids virus in check. The levelopment could mean that HIV, although not curable, might become a long-term treatable disease. But the virus might quickly become resistant to the drugs, as it had to others in the past.

"There is hope, but let's not exaggerate," said Dr Peter Piot, head of the United Nations Aids programme. — Chris Mihill.

Two die as storm hits Italy



THE MAIN road near Omegna in northern Italy was ilcoded and covered with debris yesterday after storms continued to ravage the area around Lake Maggiore, one of the country's most popular holiday destinations. On Sunday night two people were killed: an Italian woman, aged 67, died in a landslide at Omegna and a German canoelst was swept to his

landslide at Omegna and a German canoelst was swept to his death near Cannobio.

Yesterday, firefighters struggled to tackle a blaze that threatened the resort of Porto Santo Stefano. A British yacht, the Princess Tania, with 30 people aboard, was towed to safety after putting out a mayday call 40 miles from La Spezia.

The regional government of Piedmont asked for the province of Verbania, which fringes Lake Maggiore, to be declared a disaster area. — John Hooper, Rome.

Brazil admits expensive error

THE Brazilian government was under fire yesterday over revelations that an expensive advertising campaign used wrong figures to hall the success of its "Plano Real" economic plan. Embarrassed officials acknowledged that key claims of the \$3 million campaign, such as an 87 per cent increase in the consumption of bases and a 95 per cent increase in the consumption of beans and a 96 per cent surge in beef sales, were erroneous and blamed the advertising agency.

Bean consumption has actually risen by a more modest 1.4 per cent and beef sales by 4.5 per cent since the start of the economic stabilisation plan. — Reuter, Brasilia.



Benazir slept for weeks with his shirt beneath her pillow. It still, she remembers, had some smell of him. Jo-Ann Goodwin

Afghanistan's grubby waifs of war strike tragic chord

The sun shines only in the anthem sung by orphans in their bleak windowless refuce of the anthem's less than realistic assessment of Afghanistan's recent history.

| Decause of the anthem's less try's 18 orphanages, with a total of capacity of 7,000, are bull's civil war erupted with a country now," he says. He vengeance in mid-1992. Their responds to a teacher's sugorphans in their bleak windowless refuge in battered Kabul, writes Gerald Bourke

age are determined to

Afghanistan, you are my life, you are my father and mother, you are like a happy sun shining on us," they sing with gusto.

The lyrics become more sombre, describing a country "soaked in blood", but the delivery remains enthusiastic. there is any risk of this "If any stranger looks at me," stranger being lynched, but

RUBBY and bare-footed, the under-fives smash his head." And dozens at Kabul's only orphan-of tiny clenched hands punch the air.

While the interpreter has probably taken liberties, it is an emotional roller-coaster of meaning it may have had for the diminutive choristers has gone, a casualty of constant repetition.

Thankfully so, not because professional care. The coun-

Since the communist gov-

ernment collapsed four years ago, several local warlords, each professing to be more devout a Muslim than his rivals, have destroyed large areas of the capital and killed

tens of thousands of civilians. Some of the victims were parents of the 1,500 children crammed into this grim, unan anthem. Yet whatever finished concrete complex in the north-western suburb of Khair Khana. Yet the children here are

lucky. Estimates suggest that

there are hundreds of thou-

sands of orphans in need of

overflowing.
The Khair Khana orphanage is a cheerless, windowless place. There is no electricity or running water, and stee reinforcing bars protrude

from ceilings and walls, a po-tentially lethal hazard for the children who race along its corridors.

Although subsidised by the government and overseas relief agencies, including the United Nations' Children's Fund, the diet is poor bread, tea, rice, vegetables and occasionally fruit. Meat is too expensive. Sickness and disease are widespread.

Yet it is the safest haven the

last two homes came under heavy bombardment.

Obaid Ullah, aged 10, is painfully shy, presumably traumatised. He saw both his parents obliterated in a mojahedin rocket attack while Kabul was under communist control.

Mesbahil Haq, aged nine, was only a year old when his father, an Islamic fighter, was killed. He suffers constantly from nightmares about war. "Yes I am afraid of the rocketing and the fighting, everybody is," he says.

ing artillery. "They have be come past masters in the art," says Abdur Rashid, an admin istrator at the orphanage.

Mesbahil would like to become a doctor. "It is the only

gestion that he take up arms to avenge his father's death with embarrassed silence. Without toys, many of the boys pass their time during the routine bombardments trying to identity the incom-

The father of Saleha, aged eight, is likewise a shahed, a martyred mojahedin, but she has no time for war games "We watch President Rabbani on television but I don't like him. He has done so much damage," she says.

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Iranians form 'terror force' in Bosnia

Foreign Islamic 'holy warriors' are going to horrific lengths to remain in the Balkan state, writes John Pomfret in Tetovo

SLAMIC militants from han and other foreign countries are using forced marriages, kid
forced marriages, kid
ment officials in Sarajevo was also Pakistanis, Lebanese and other Arabs, the officials said. No effort has been made to compare them they added. forced marriages, kid-nappings and the occupation of property to remain in Bosnia in violation of the Dayton peace accord, Bosnian officials have claimed.

The departure of about 2,000 foreign Islamic fighters from Bosnia was a condition of both the Dayton accord and a US-led programme that would arm and train Bosnia's army. But Bosnian officials said they thought several hundred Islamic fighters remained and US officials between the underestablishing themselves in a broad swath of central Bosnia, particularly in villages around the cities of Travnik, around the cities of Travnik. lieve they pose a threat to US Zenica. Zavidovici and Ka-

forces.
The CIA director, John Deutch, visited Bosnia on Fricame to Bosnia during the

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the possibility of an attack on Americans in Bosnia following the truck bombing in Saudi Arabia last month that killed 19 US airmen.

No effort has been made to remove them, they added. Throughout Muslim-con-

trolled central Bosnia the Islamic fighters act as a kind of paramilitary guard for Mr izetbegovic's Muslim and increasingly nationalist Party of Democratic Action. Sources said they are particularly close to Semsudin Meh-medovic, the main Bosnian police official in the region and an influential hardliner in Mr Izetbegovic's party.
Mr Mehmedovic has nurtured and protected these
men as part of a plan to create
a reserve force to terrorise po-

tential political opponents, to

harass Serbs and Croats, and | to pressurise Muslims who might not support Mr Izetbegovic, local officials said. He has done so, they added, with the backing of Mr Izetbegovic's party, which appears to be prepared to use muscle in the pretional elections eached.

uled for September 14.
On June 26, the US said that the Islamic fighters had either left Bosnia or had been removed from the government's army and security ser-vices. But officials in central Bosnia said many had simply moved over to the police,

the national elections sched-

Some of the militants plan to remain permanently and now have Bosnian citizen-ship, which up to a hundred have obtained by marrying local women. In a few cases, the women were forced into marriage while officials looked the other way, accordpear to be fed up with the law-lessness of the Islamic mili-tants, as a case in the small village of Tetovo illustrates. dor, out of the area and her captors let her go. But they returned to the village later, beat up Mr Masinovic and his

Fahrudin Maslnovic is a steelworker. He and his wife, Kasema, have raised two daughters, Eldina and Alina. When war erupted in Bosnia, Mr Masinovic took up his gun and fought for four years. and fought for four years. When the war ended, he returned to his job in the steel mill. At the local mosque, he prayed for better times.

But on June 21 Eldina, aged 15, was kidnapped as she was coming home from school. It was part of a plot to marry her to an Islamic fighter. For two days foreigners, working with their Bosnian allies, drugged her and held her cap-tive, the family and local police officials said. Eldina's sister, Alina, spot-

smuggle Eldina, cloaked napping and attempted mur-head-to-ankle in a black cha-der, they were released and remain free.

Eldina, aged 15, was kidnapped. It was part of a plot to marry her to an Islamic fighter

brother and shot at his house as children played inside. Local police tried to help Mr Masinovic but it was obvi-ous that the alleged kidnap-pers had a friend in the pro-vincial police chief, Mr

The turmoil changed Mr Masinovic. Unlike dozens of other victims of the mojahedin, Mr Masinovic fought back, granting television in-terviews and talking to local

reporters.
Angered by what he be-lieves to be the lawlessness of men who say they have come to help his shattered country, be demanded justice. Officials in Zenica claim

the Islamic fighters fall under the control of an association known as the Islamic Centre of Zenica Comprising promi-nent businessmen, politicians and other officials loyal to Mr Izetbegovic, it is registered in Zenica as a humanitarian organisation. The children of war each receive the equiva-

But ordinary Bosnians ap | the captors attempted to | ica. Despite charges of kid | lent of about £23 a month

from the centre.
But according to government officials, the cen key role in funding a unit of the Bosnian army called the 7th Muslim Brigade. The brigade's training, undertaken by Iran, was modelled on that of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah in Lebanon, Bosnian secu-

rity sources said.

The Islamic Centre represents a faction in Mr Izetbegovic's party that backs the creation of a Muslim-led miniconcept that runs counter to the Dayton plan. Bosnian offi-cials said the centre is pro-tecting the militants now be-cause it believes the men could play an important role in any Muslim state that might emerge should the Day-ton accord collapse. — Wash-

Security in hands of secretive EU committees

Richard Norten-Taylor

THE foundations for closer co-operation be-tween EU countries on law and order issues including policing, asylum, extradi-tion and terrorism, are being laid by a network of secretive

committees in Brussels. The committees, using such codenames as K4 and P8, prepare decisions affecting the basic human rights of indi-viduals both within and out-

side Europe.

They enjoy the enthusiastic support of the British government. A particular attraction for Britain is that their work. is strictly inter-governmen-tal The European Commission and the European Parliament are kept well out of the way.

The committees have gained significance in the wake of the recent G7 meeting in Lyon where Western lead-ers announced a crusade ism. They are helping to prepare a follow-up conference of foreign and interior ministers in Paris later this month.
Britain is already planning to change domestic law to

make conspiracy to commit terrorist acts abroad a criminal offence. The proposal is one of several relating to terrorism being considered

by the law lord Lord Lloyd. The foreign secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, said during a visit to Saudi Arabia after the Lyon summit that Britain intended to deny asylum to any-one engaged in what he called "aiding and abetting terrorism". Under existing British law, the only overseas crime for which foreign nationals can be prosecuted in Britain is conspiracy to commit

The K4 committee, named after the article in the Mass-tricht treaty under which it was set up, consists of offi-cials from the interior ministries (in Britain, the Home Office) of EU member states, It meets about four times a year and reports to ministers.
K4 has three steering groups, covering immigration and asylum, police and customs, and judicial co-operation. Each has five or six working parties, one of which concen-

trates on terrorism.
Their activities are extremely difficult to penetrate.

Adela Gooch in Madrid

ELIPE Gonzalez, the for-

mer Spanish prime minis-ter, faces a challenge to his leadership of the Socialist Party prompted by fresh cor-ruption revelations and calls

for a new generation to clean up the party's image. Mr. González managed to

reassert his authority at a meeting of the party's executive yesterday, but his main opposition lies outside.

among powerful regional

barons who otherwise see lit-tle chance of ousting the new

Conservative government.

Last week the president of

Extremadura, Juan Carlos

Rodriguez Ibarra, called for the leadership succession to

spring. His intervention was

prompted by recent disclo-

sures of funding scams in-volving Socialist officials in

Andalusia and Navarra

One man who has tried is Tony Bunyan, the editor of Statewatch, a London-based bulletin monitoring security and intelligence services in Britain and the EU. He has embarrassed member states by persistently asking for K4 committee minutes, testing a 1993 European Council decision covering public access to EU documents.

His requests for information have split the EU, with Sweden, Finland, and Denmark consistently arguing for disclosure, and a majority — including France. Italy and Spain — voting against on the grounds that secrecy is needed "to protect the public interest". Britain has adopted a middle position.

Mr Bunyan has had some reward for his perseverance: he has at least been told the subject matter of documents withheld by the EU. These include plans to draw, up a European information system for the exchange of personal data between EU police and intelligence services, and the development of a common policy on visas and extradition, telephone-tapping, mini-mum guarantees for asylum-seekers, organised crime and

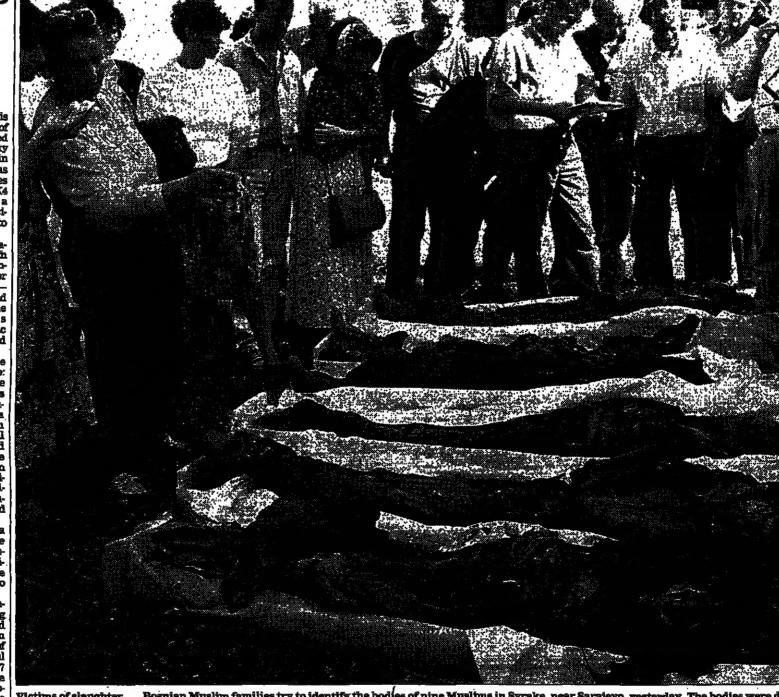
Britain's opt-out — a refusal to recognise the role of the European Court of Jus-tice in overseeing the activi-ties of Europol — will deprive British critzens of the right to complain to the court.

while, are also co-operating with the United States and other non-European countries in the context of what is called P8 — political co-operation between the G7 countries and Russia. There are moves to expand Euro-pol's role in the P8 network to include what French officials last year described as "those who made propaganda calling

British officials at a P8 min-isterial meeting in Ottawa last December expressed con-cern "not just about those en-gaged in terrorist activities but about other political acti-vitists who promoted unconstitutional change or destroyed the good relations enjoyed by the UK with other governments". Co-operation on all these

at the meeting in Paris.

González fails to quell calls



Victims of slaughter . . . Bosnian Muslim families try to identify the bodies of nine Muslims in Svrake, near Sarajevo, yesterday. The bodies were dug out by war crimes investigators who say they were executed by Serb forces in December 1992.

PHOTOGRAPH PETER ANDREWS

Call to get tough with Serb war criminals

Richard Norton-Taylor

NTERNATIONAL pressure was growing last night for tougher action against Rado-van Karadzic and Ratko Mla-dic, the Bosnian Serb leaders indicted for war crimes, in-

cluding genocide. Robert Frowick, the US head of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe mission in Bosnia, said the Serb Democratic Union should be barred from the September 14 elections if Mr Karadzic retained any

The Dayton peace agree-ment banned indicted war criminals from holding offilast week handed over power to the Bosnian Serb president, Biljana Plavsic, and said he would not be a candidate in the elections. But he remains chairman of his po-

litical party.
Officials of the Contact Group on Bosnia — the US, France, Britain, Russia and Italy — will meet in London tomorrow to consider what to do. Options range from a military operation to seize the two Bosnian Serb leaders to economic sanctions against

the Republika Srpska. Although British officials insisted yesterday that they wanted to maintain pressure on Mr Karadzic and General Madic and have them arraigned at the war crimes tribunal at The Hague, they nade it clear that Britain preferred a wait-and-see

The British view, which does not appear to be shared by the United States, is that the Bosnian Serbs can be per-suaded to hand over indicted war criminals to The Hague by the threat of what they call graduated economic sanctions" coupled with pressure on the Serbian president, Slo-

Exodus from terror spells old age and death for forgotten religion

A community in exile from Turkey's war with Kurds is starving one faith of its lifeblood, reports Owen Bowcott in Mardin

for purge of party leadership Isolated by centuries of schismatic theology and a liturgical script close to the Aramaic once spoken by Christ, the dwindling Syr-

> It has not, however, been an easy history. Persecuted as beretics by Byzantines and Crusaders, massacred by the Mongols and scat-tered by Kemal Ataturk's armies in the 1920s, the religion is now in danger of

disappearing from its his-torical heartland. The latest threat, which

the Basque separatist organi-sation ETA in the mid-1980s, in return for a smooth ride

Bishop Ibrahim Turker is the separatists of support.

Caught in the crossfire, ago the people fied to Lebanon the monastery courtyard strs in the light breeze.

Caught in the crossfire, the few remaining Syrian or and Syria. Now the remainder are going to churches have gradually churches have gradually america or Europe." emptied as fewer young people have chosen to enter

"Ten years ago the com-munity in Mardin was strong," says Bishop strong," says Bishop Turker, stretching his san-dalled feet. A silver, fili-Turker, stretching his san-dailed feet. A silver, fili-gree cross hangs at his studded gates are closed at

The monastery of Deyrul-zafran — several miles out-

side Mardin and so called because of its saffroncoloured stone - was the seat of the Syrian Orthodox



night to keep its inhabit-

ents secure.
Built on a site formerly used by pagan sun-worship-pers, the first church was founded in 493AD. Several decades earlier, the Syrian Orthodox religion had been branded a "monophysite" branden a monophysne heresy by the Council of Chalcedon on the grounds that it believed Christ alone had a divine nature. Its use of the Syriac language rein-forced the division. forced the division

In style, Deyrulzafran has borrowed much from its Islamic neighbours. Even Bishop Turker, aged 60, throws the occasional "Inshallah" into his conversations. The corrections versations. The carpets on the floor, the intricate decorated screens and slippers for the faithful are all remi-

niscent of a mosque. Few now come to appreciate the ancient finery. "Some people have left be-cause of the economy, some because of the terrorists and some because of the army," he says. "We are in the middle of them all.

Muslim. The young orphans we bring up in the school here have no one else. They have lost their parents because of the

There are 20 young people training for the priesthood. They may or may not become priests. They say to me they want to become doctors or lawyers. Perhaps we may have some priests. Inshallah. God

Turkish MPs in vote punch-up

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

ODERN Turkey's first government led by an islamist prime minis-ter was approved by parliament yesterday in a high-tension vote of confidence marred by gun-carrying and fighting among MPs. Uproar erupted as members

of secular parties attacked colleagues who had voted against the alliance with the slamist Welfare party of Necmettin Erhakan..

The former foreign minis-ter, Emre Gonensay, was punched by a colleague in his True Path party, and another deputy was hit to the ground. Voting resumed after a seven-minute delay and Mr Erbakan's government went on to win by 278 votes to 265. A group of MPs from the far-right Grand Unity party.

whose seven seats swung the vote in favour of the new government, then attacked a member of the opposition Motherland party, who drew out a gun to defend himself. Every day families are Security guards and other oing, both Christian and MPs piled in to disarm the gunman as mayhem ensued.

Ten other True Path deputies voted against the govern-ment; the party's only Jewish member abstained, and four MPs stayed away in protest.
The True Path leader,

Tansu Ciller, who is foreign minister and deputy prime minister, said the vote was about choosing a continuing stalemate or an end to a ninemonth political crisis. We have chosen a social consensus," she said and and the armed forces.

added that the country could not be left any more to her centre-right rival, Mesut YIImaz, the previous prime min-ister in a three-month minority coalition notable only for the bitter in-fighting between True Path and his Mother land party.

Erbakan, aged 69. He has built Welfare up from a minority party to win control of great cities like Istanbul and Ankara and finish ahead of the traditionally strong cen-tre-right parties in last December's general election.

He played on the personal animosity between Mrs Ciller and Mr Yilmaz to destroy their brief coalition. He forced three corruption inquiries into Mrs Ciller's affairs, which left her with little choice but to join Welfare in government if she was to suppress investigations that could ruin her politically.

He ended an ecstatic address to the party faithful by saying: "Fly away now like ment. This hall cannot contain vou any more.

But his first steps in office will not have pleased radi-cals. Despite election promises to realign Turkey with the Muslim world, the government last week made a priority of maintaining ties with the West.

Mr Erbakan realises that moves to enhance the role of religion in politics and society could lead to the breaking up of the coalition and antag onise the secular establish ment, notably big business

in power are ripe for Supporters of Mr González, who remains the most highly in return for a sm rated politicism in Spain, have from Mr González.

accused the ruling conservative Popular Party (PP) of striving to ensure the scandals are aired. But others in the Socialist party claim this is an excuse to avoid a clear-out. Potential successors to Mr González have been staking their claim. The publicity-lovmer ciaim. The pointenty-lov-ing former public works min-ister, José Borrell, gave a wide-ranging interview to the left-leaning daily El País at the weekend, setting out his

ideas for a 21st century Socialist government.
The leadership debate has flared up regularly, prompted by the left wing of the party, as Mr González has moved closer to the centre. But few openly dare to oppose the former prime minister, who

shows no sign of quitting.

Mr González has refrained be discussed openly at the Socialist congress next from criticising the minority government, prompting political commentators to speculate about a secret pact with the prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar. They believe Further scandals dating Mr Aznar may have agreed from the Socialists' 13% years not to focus on the Socialists' use of death squads to fight

Turkey imposes few de-mands on its clerics these

has driven families into exile and robbed children of their parents, is the bitter 12-year war between the separatist Kurdish Workers Party (PPK) and the Turkish authorities. Police roadblocks control

access to the nearby town of Mardin, 30 miles north of Turkey's border with Syria. In the surrounding mountains, scores of villages have been bornt to the ground. The army blames "PKK terrorists" for the destruction, while Kurdish politicians and human rights groups say it

is the result of the govern- Bishop Ibrahim Turker. Every day families are going

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Growth: the elusive goal

The Chancellor mustn't blow it for electoral gain

TODAY'S summer economic forecasts | commitment to a balanced budget. from the Treasury will set the parameters for what may be the last Conservative budget for many years to come. History will be very unforgiving if the Chancellor misuses the underlying message of the forecasts in an effort to win an election rather than set the UK economy on a steady longterm growth track. The fact is that the economy, while fraught with problems particu-larly on the fiscal side, faces undeservedly good prospects considering the three huge macro-economic mistakes that this government made (a ludicrously over-valued exchange rate at the start of the 1980s, excessive expansion at the end plus the debacle of Black Wednesday in September, 1992). These macro mistakes cast a shadow over useful micro-economic reforms. But they shouldn't obscure the potential of an economy sporting plenty of spare capacity which has seen inflation come down to 2.2 per cent notwithstanding a commodities boom.

The economy is certainly in a mess financially. Today's figures will reveal that the 1996/1997 public sector borrowing requirement — the gap between Government income and spending — will be some £5 billion worse than the £22.5 billion forecast as recently as last November. That means one thing. There is no justification for cutting taxes in November even if they are "balanced" by spending cuts elsewhere. Such reductions would be illusory since the Government has already cut spending to the bone. Even that scourge of public expenditure Michael Portillo swears that all the economies that can be made in defence have been made. Even if cuts could be found they shouldn't be used to finance tax reductions because the Government is already way adrift of the Maastricht ceiling on debt (3 per cent of GDP) and even | with lowish unemployment is to be futher adrift of its own oft-proclaimed

The overwhelming priority is to rebelance this consumer-led recovery by encouraging exports and investment (without which future growth is impossible). British industry, bless it, only seems to invest after a prolonged recovery when it is running out of capacity. Most economists believe that the economy could expand at 3 per cent a year (instead of under 2.5 per cent) for several years without rekindling inflation. If it happened unemployment would fall to more acceptable levels and government borrowing would decline in tandem as more people paid taxes instead of receiving benefits. The present lead of receiving benefits. instead of receiving benefits. The present level of borrowing is a worry but not a disaster. Some of it may be due to dangerous trends (like the reluctance of corporations to pay tax — particularly recently arrived multi-nationals) but it is mainly the result of over-optimistic forecasts by the Treasury and the effects of a temporary lull in growth. What the economy needs like a hole in What the economy needs like a hole in the head is yet more reductions to add to last year's £4 billion stimulus, building society handouts, energy rebates, rising house prices, maturing Tessas and so forth.

Fortunately, Kenneth Clarke is well aware of all this. He genuinely wants to restore his party's lost reputation for economic management (and his own place in the history books) by steering a sound fiscal course. But Tory backbenchers, baying for tax-cutting electoral bribes, see otherwise. They would far prefer to adopt a scorched earth policy either to win the Tories the election or leave Labour to clear up the mess. The Chancellor will need nerves of steel if he is to put his country before his party. But that is what needs to be done if the tantalising - but not impossible - prospect of sustained growth

The new sport of guru shooting

But sadly for Mr Willetts he has chosen the wrong target

of the most interesting Conservative MPs and his Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet. Blair's Gurus, has attracted extensive comment, which it naturally sought and to some extent deserves. Like many others, Mr Willetts is intrigued (though not out of idle curiosity) to pinpoint where Tony Blair gets his ideas from. Unlike most, he has troubled to read a number of books by writers who are either personally influential with the Labour leader, or which express ideas which have surfaced regularly in Mr Blair's speeches. The result is Mr Willetts's readable pamphlet, a critique of the work of John Gray, Will Hutton, John Kay, Frank Field, Simon Jenkins, Andrew Mart, Peter Mandelson and David Marquand, as well as, by implication, Tony Blair.

There are, however, two principal problems with what Mr Willetts has produced. The first is that he makes the mistake of thinking that if he can demolish eight books by those whom he terms Blair's Gurus, he can therefore demolish Mr Blair as well. In fact, the eight books with which he takes issue are widely different from one another. If they are part of a coherent movement of ideas, it is not because they agree with one another but because they are all in some way dealing with the same historical problem — the failure of Thatcherite possessive individualism gurus, this newspaper and Mr Blair to solve satisfactorily the problems which confronted Britain 20 years ago.

DAVID Willetts — allegedly known as Mr Blair is part of that too, and he "two brains" to his admirers — is one draws on what others have written, but these eight are not the handbooks of Blairism. Most of the authors think Mr Blair is too cautious, while he in turn thinks they are too reckless. Topple the gurus if you can, but it does not follow

that you thereby topple Mr Blair. The other chief difficulty with Mr Willetts's pamphlet is that he believes that the eight writers share a disdain for British models of political economy. They are seeking to make Britain into something else, he alleges, in this case a variation on post-war German social market capitalism. This is a familiar type of charge from Conservatives since at least the time of the French Revolution, as well as being one which will endear Mr Willetts to his xenophobic party. But it is intellectually thin. Some might wish that Britain had opted for the German model of economic performance two decades ago but, as it happens, all eight writers (as well as Mr Blair) are pragmatic as only the British can be, and most go out of their way to distance themselves from precisely the allegation which Mr Willetts levels. Coming from a Conservative this is anyway pretty cheeky. It was, after all, his party which perpetrated the most sustained attempt this century to foist a foreign model of political economy on this country — the Thatcherite attempt to Americanise Britain. All of us - the are still looking for a road to recovery from that.

A proliferation of professors

Oxford has raised the status of its academics pennilessly

HISTORY has not turned full circle ... | end the anomaly under which celeyet. In the middle ages the three aca- brated Oxford lecturers — with a string demic titles - master, doctor, professor of distinguished research studies be-- were synonymous. Oxford has not hind them - have to play second fiddle gone that far back but for 261 of the to less eminent academics holding pro-University's academic staff, yesterday dawned a glad confident morning: 162 | hopes to ensure its academics get better became professors and 99 readers in conference bedrooms - and better one go. Overnight the number of professors jumped from 199 to 361 and the number of readers from 107 to 206. Journalists are well qualified to comment on such developments for as readers may have observed, the number of multiplied. Part of the motive appears to be the same: a management strapped for cash but ready to buy some relief by conferring higher status for the same more money and their duties remain the same. But Oxford insists each of the 261 promotions had to pass through a labels. Like "reporter", "lecturer"

fessorial titles at other institutions. It research grants too.

The move is one more step towards the American model where all academic staff seem to be either assistant, associate or full professors. Two years ago the Association of University editors on newspapers has similarly Teachers floated a similar idea in the wake of a wave of new professors when the polytechnics were relabelled universities. Snobbery was the major motive even though the polys were using pay. The new professors will receive no managerial position rather than scholarship as their main test. A secure profession would not need such status rigorous selection procedure. It seeks to should be a proud enough title.



Buddhists in conflict

account of the Dorje Shugden controversy (Shadow boxing on the path to Nirvana, July 6) was both timely and balanced. The Dalai Lama is coming to the UK to give teachings and to draw attention to the plight of his fellow countrymen, whose way of life is threatened with way of life is threatened with extinction by the Chinese pol-icy of ethnic swamping.

The Shugden Supporters Community has a very un-Buddhist interest in wealth,

power and expansion of the sect, combined with a slavish dependence on a cult figure. These attitudes are alien to Buddhism and to Tibetans but reflect a society where a religious years. religious vacuum all too readily yields to an aggres-sive desire on the part of recent western "converts" for conquest and power. In 1994 the Chinese decided

upon a policy of pacifying Tibetan resistance by deliber-ately seeking to blacken the moral character of the Dalai Lama and to divide the refu-gee Tibetan community. Wit-tingly or not, the Shugden Supporters Community is support for the Tibetan cause.

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ITH regard to the "Battle of the Buddhas", a couple of relevant historical details have been overlooked.

Hard to swallow

Tibetan province of Kham in the 1940s. In his memoirs, the late Tsipon Shuguba describes how, as a district gov-ernor in Kham in 1940, he was called upon to deal with renegade monks from Sagang Gompa who, "claiming they were possessed by the local spirit Shugden ... had badly disturbed the local farmers,

ing their possessions".

Second, as regards NKT's
"pure" Buddhism, their insislence on unquestioning obedience to the guru Geshe Kel-sang's every word is in direct contrast with the historical Buddha's teaching to question everything, even his own teaching. Pure Buddhism would also disapprove of the accumulation of property on

threatening them and steal

a large scale. The integrity of His Holi-ness the Dalai Lama has survived contact with and scru-tiny by the West for more than 30 years, unlike many eastern guru/cult leaders. The NKT's smear campaign will doubtless fizzle out and doing exactly what the Chinese have so far failed to
achieve. We should not allow
its allegations to influence our
Waco-style finale.

Anthony O'Brien. Tibet Support Group Ireland, 14a Ailesbury Road, Dublin 4.

READ with dismay Madeleine Bunting's prejudiced and biased article. I am a Tibetan living in London, a member of the Shugden Sup-porters Community but not of London SWIA GAA.

ADELEINE Bunting's | First, the "evil spirit Shug-account of the Dorje | den", far from being a Bud-Shugden controversy | dha, was apparently the ob-w boxing on the path | ject of a cult in the East | able religious persecution tensive campaign of intoler-able religious persecution being conducted by the Dalai Lama's government-in-exile which blatantly contravenes

which blatarity contravenes our Tibetan constitution.

Many of my friends and col-leagues are living in fear and unable to practise the instruc-tions now hanned by the Dalai Lama. We are appealing for western support in restor-ing freedom of belief so that we can continue to practise that which has been passed down over many centuries. Tenzin Chiodak. 29 Immes House, East Street, London SE17 2JN.

THE Dorje Shugden controversy is a side issue to the main problem confronting Tibet, which is the survival of Tibet's way of life in the face of a deliberate policy by China of swamping Tibet with Han immigrants. Such a policy is contrary to international law

contrary to international law and is intended to extinguish Tibet's separate identity. The All Party Parliamen-tary Group for Tibet supports the right of the Tibetan people to determine their own future, whether as a separate federation with China. This is doomed to an amoral exis-for the people of Tibet to de-cide. We support the Dalai ished spiritual health, is one Lama as the acknowledged leader of the Tibetan people in his search for a peaceful resolution to his country's longrunning conflict with China. (Rt Hon) Lord Weatherill.

OU reported (Breakfast at Claridge's? Heathrow is better, July 1) on my and my airport inspection team's findings that the food has im-proved remarkably at most — though not all — of the 130 catering outlets of BAA's seven airports. The article remarked that some may think me biased because BAA had engaged me four and a half years ago to raise the standard of airport food. I resent and reject this. My con-dition was, from the start, that I have absolute freedom to be as outspoken as I wish — hence the improvements. In fact, BAA has publicly called me its resident gadfly. Egon Ronay. Walton Street, London SW3.

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An odd pair for the Square

shores, a statue of the great man should be commissioned to occupy the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square. He has shown himself to be a statesman of vision and integrity, a man of principle and humil-ity. Without a hint of bitter-ness, he has forgiven the oppressors of his people, enabling his country to face the future in a spirit of hope. A statue of Mandela would stand as a monument to those who protested against the iniquity of apartheid outside South Africa House week in and week out. Above all, Nelson Mandela would be a wor-Kent CT11 0DZ.

O MARK the visit of Nel- | thy companion for the other son Mandela to these | Nelson. William Barrett. 6 Burns Road.

> WITH reference to your piece about the vacant plinth in the north-west corues to vie for plinth, Guardian, July 4). How about a statue of Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson? It would give visitors to Trafalgar Square ample shelter when it Jane Armit.

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St Aldates, Oxford

Clearing the clouds over the the Oxford skyline

to live in, July 2) gives an unjustified view about how Oxford City Council has dealt with a planning application for a city-centre leisure development, He quotes a confidential report, containing a reference to a decision by my committee that has not in fact yet been taken, as evidence of this site is for the public good. a conspiracy to approve the application. The reference was completely unknown to me; it clearly stemmed from a cockup rather than a conspiracy. As soon as the council's solicitor became aware of it, the report was withdrawn.

The suggestion that the council is "easer" to approve erations of planning gain is the leisure development is a shameful. These proposals joke. The planning application was received in December ten report on the open agenda. 1994 and has been through two | They were not revealed

GEORGE Monbiot (All gain | public meetings, several com-makes Britain a dull place | mittees and full council, and has been referred to the Royal Fine Arts Commission.

The proposed development has no effect on the skyline. Monbiot's suggestion that the development will exacerbate Oxford's transport problem is also wide of the mark.

A leisure development on

The proposal was confirmed in the Oxford Local Plan after a public inquiry as being in the public interest as it provides much-needed leisure facilities. For Monbiot to suggest that the council's support for the principle of the development is based upon considwere recommended in a writ-

accident" nor "decided out of the public eye". Planning gains could potentially distort the planning pro-cess, although I understand there is little evidence of it so far, and it is certainly not something Oxford City Council can be accused of. How-ever, this is essentially a prob-lem of the Government's making. If there were proper funding of the public sector. then highway authorities could return to building roads or subsidising buses, and housing authorities could pro-vide social housing, and the planning process could be more detached from the financial aspects of development. Stef Spencer. Chair, Planning Committee, Oxford City Council

Turkish prisons.

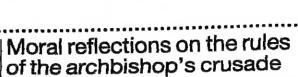
The appalling repression of the Kurdish people in Turkey is generally unreported in the British media and virtually ignored at government level.

A Country Diary

bends to enter the narrow sandstone gorge and the National Trust woodlands, it is joined by a smaller stream which has meandered through a much broader part of the valley. For about a mile the stream runs along the bottom of gently sloping pastureland, winding around several fine examples of "ox-bow" bends on its way. This is a quiet and peaceful corner of the valley, an area of grassland lightly grazed by a small group of retired and friendly horses and rich in flowers and grasses. The lower slopes are the most diverse, with rafts of ain's biggest damselflies, and I Crested Dogs-tail. Common Bent, Yorkshire Fog and Red Fescue grasses, amongst which shine the colours of Bugle, Knapweed, Birds-foot Trefoil and Ox-eye Daisy. I sat down on a small embankment at the edge of one of the Ox-bows, surrounded by Common Spotted Orchids in full bloom and a mass of colour - predominantly pale lilac but here and there were reds, rose-pinks and whites. There was

CHESHIRE: As the river | considerable variation in the extent to which the leaves were spotted; in some plants the basic green colour was almost covered by large dark blotches, whereas in others the spotting appeared to be almost absent. The stream below the embankment moved slowly through thick, waving blankets of Water Crowfoot covered with small white flowers, and together with the flat-tened leaves of Water Plantain these provided an ideal platform for insects, the most ob-vious of which, whilst I was there, were the Banded Demoiselles. These are one of Britwatched several males continually performing looping flights out over the water and back to the floating platform with their transparent wings almost invisible except for those dark blue bands. Occasionally a female with metal. lic green wings would flutter into the air from her perch on some nearby vegetation, attracted by the patterned wings of the males.

J M THOMPSON



YOUR leader (Filling a moral vacuum, July 6) seems to acquiesce in George Carey's opinion that people should not select for themselves what is right and wrong. Our society is in fact founded upon people confounded upon people con-stantly making such deci-sions. Most of us choose every day not to murder, rape and steal as a matter of choice, not because we fear divine or earthly retribution. The vast majority of crime is committed by people who know that what they are doing is wrong, but are driven to it by anger, need, or some other consideration which overrides a

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simple version of morality. As regards education, my five-year-old son has a much stronger sense of what is right and wrong than I do. Children deserve far more credit for working morality out for themselves. Ben Leslie.

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DEPLORE the presumption of the Anglican Church that it is entitled to act as the sole custodian of morality and spirituality (Moral crusade by Carey, July 6). The impli-cation that someone who has rejected Christian that I find abborrent. Furthermore, the Government's intention to revive en-

forced Christian worship in schools in an attempt to nurture "moral and spiritual values" is not only misguided and simplistic; in its support London N1 7AB.

CONCERN for other people is a natural human characteristic. Richard Dawkins arguments for his theory of the selfish gene show this is inevitable: if we did not have such a characteristic, we and our genes would never have survived. Unfortunately, the older we get the more ready we are to accept conformity as our guide rather than our own natural morality.
Only too often our rule-gov-

erned society is not concerned about people, but only about its own preservation. Moral concepts like loyalty can easily have catastrophi-cally immoral consequences: no individual could possibly cause the harm a nation may do by declaring war. What we need is not moral rules, but a proper respect for our own natural moral instincts. David Gribble.

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GEORGE CAREY is right. Rules make the game possible — for the corporate players as well as individuals. The Government should con-sult him about the next phase of its "deregulation initiative" Rules are the foundation of fair competition, differentiating a real market economy from avaricious anarchy.

J T Winkler.

A Pinter drama in Stoke Newington

HE armed police who lages have been destroyed raided the Stoke Newing and their inhabitants displaced, thousands of people tortured and murdered. State ton rehearsal room where Kurdish actors were rehearsing my play Mountain Lan-guage (Front-page report, June 21) manhandled them. terror is systematic, savage, merciless. All efforts on the part of the Kurds to bring about a political rather than handcuffed them and forbade them to speak in their own language. The Kurds, most of military resolution to the conflict have failed. The internathem refugees, thought the police were so forceful and deaf to reason that they felt tional community shows little interest in any of this Turkey is a member of Nato, the United States subsidises its they were back in Turkey. The production of the play army to the hilt, and of course itself was extremely moving. the country provides rich and particularly significant in that a number of the partic-

business opportunities for all western "democracies". Meanwhile the Kurds are ipants had themselves been imprisoned and tortured in persecuted beyond endurance. They are a race of immense pride. dignity and courage. Their plight desperately calls

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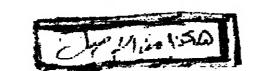
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Diary

Matthew Norman

VEN as the Lord smote
the enemies of the chilthren of Israel, so it is
my solemn duty today to
quash a poisonous coclesiastical rumour concerning my
old friend Geograp Const the old friend George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, When Robert Runcie retires in 1990, so this foolishness has it, the entire Church of England wanted one man to succeed him. All agreed that John Habgood, Archbishop of York, was intellectually far superior to any rival; had the respect of the whole Church; and was a fine leader. There were, how-ever, two problems: he was too leftwing for Margaret Thatcher's taste, and he was an old Etonian. Spotting the danger, the bishops gathered to contrive a Trollo-plan manoeuvre. They decided to put forward two names: one, Habgood himself, the other, the most ghastly, platitudinous, vac-uous, waffly, tambourine-wielding mediocrity they could come up with. Thus. so this wickedness suggests was George Carey selected. It's true George's promotion remains a mystery to many; but I will not countenance. such thoughts. How much more Christian to observe that God, like Thatcher, moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform?

ONTROVERSY surrounds the luxury jaunt to Malta made by the cerebral Lady Olga Maitland and several other MPs including Company MPs, including Gerald Kauf-man. I wish to differentiate that junket — paid for by Air Malta — from the £6,000, Barclays-sponsored trip to the Far East made by Mandy Mandelson at Easter, to boost trade links between Hartlepool and the Orient. There is no similarity between the two, so let's hear no more about it.

COUPLE of Sundays ago, meanwhile, Mandy went on LWT's The Agenda to announce his lack of personal ambition and total indifference to what is written about him. This week it was Frank Dobson who ap-peared for Labour, telling Andrew Rawnsley about party funding. Mr Rawnsley Central Office refused to put anyone on the show, while the only Tory backbencher who would discuss appear-ing had ruled himself out by demanding "a big fat fee". Who could be be, this greedy fellow? Would you Adam and Eve it, it's my old friend Peter Bottomley, the excitible MP for Eitham. As to specify the meaning of "big fat fee", Bolmondely mentioned that he gets £600 a time for newspaper articles, a figure the programme makers felt a little steep for six minutes in the studio. I find this extremely hard to forgive, as Bolmon-dely and his wife Virginia struggle along on a com-bined income (excluding office and mileage allow-ances and sundry expenses) of barely more than 2110,000. "Well, how much do you earn?" demands Bolmondely, before replacing

HERE is another couple for whom the hike in political salaries cannot come too soon. In the Daily Express Sandra Howard, the Home Secretary's oft-married wife, rever that she attended Ascot this year in an outfit that in total cost her a fiver. "You have to be cost conscious," she says. This is distressing. Michael is too proud to ask pipell for help, so I will be contacting his mother Hilda - an old friend whom I saw recently at a 90th-birthday party (we talked about his colds) — to plead on his behalf. I shall explain that the price of Lem-Sip has risen scandalously in recent years.

the receiver without so

much as a farewell.

NEW dietary problem faces orthodox Jews in London. Time Out magazine reports that Thames Water has received 57 complaints about shrimps appearing in drink-ing water. The company says this is a common problem in summer, but this is scant consolation for those who keep strictly Kosher homes, for whom the swal-lowing of any crustacean is strictly forbidden. As yet there is no surefire way to combat the danger. The Torah is mute on the point, as is the Talmud. So, thus far at least, is the Diary, but we will try to find a ruling by tomorrow.



Shameful failure to support the cause

Commentary

Hugo Young

ELSON Mandela is a hero of the British people, and the compliment is returned. The second part of this takes some explaining. On the eve of the state visit, he spoke of British democracy as his lode-star and of the BBC World Service as a jail house lifeline. Magnanimity is the quality that most distinguishes him from other statesmen. Along with iron courage, it's what gives him a unique place in hearts and minds across the world. But Britain surely exacts a unique demand on

Britain committed a special crime against Mandela and those who stood with him against apartheid. Being less magnanimous than ha, I place this in a neglected catalogue of major foreign-policy errors which history, with its own purplied generality purblind generosity, has never satisfactorily nailed against their perpetrator, Margaret Thatcher.

the Guardian about South Africa. In the face of impressive competition, this encounter ranks among the most ferociously emotional perfor-mances she ever gave. Mainly she wanted to estab

lish that sanctions against South Africa, then the policy of almost the entire civilised world, were immoral, and that the forthcoming Common-wealth conference would once again be dominated by her un-yielding opposition to them. This policy had its hero and its demon. The hero, in Mrs Thatcher's eyes, was Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, her source-book for the native case against sanctions. The demon was Mandela, whose opinion, she said. "I

Buthelezi became the cen-tre-piace of her African policy. Not only was he right but, her judgment said, he was going to win. Her losthing of Mandels and the ANC was almost boundless. She invested more resources than anyone in the world in Buthelezi, and by dint of this spectacular mis reading let the British national interest be swallowed into her private moral

The results deserved to be catastrophic and, in the case of any other leader than our visitor this week, would have Ten years ago this month, I mistaken about sanctions. sat in her room in Downing There was a respectable argu-

Street and interviewed her for | ment against them. The crime was to be wrong about the out-come. Sanctions eventually worked with laser-like effect on the confidence of white South Africans and their bankers. And Mandela won.

Such railing against the tide of history became the mark of Mrs Thatcher's foreign policy. It was partly due to a category-mistake. Whereas domestic policy can be made to bend to any prime minister in com-mand of a substantial parliamentary majority, foreign pol-icy is bound by different rules. It cannot, without collaboration, become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

For a second-rank power, will and outrage are never enough. Mrs Thatcher person-alised the targets of these fupersistent damage to her country. In retrospect, it is in the diplomatic field that the failure of her Cabinet col-leagues to restrain her head-strong, half-baked moralising will be seen as most culpable, from a national point of view. Mandela is not the only rejected partner, regrettably, to have had the last, sick laugh. For South Africa in one hemisphere, read Germany in the other. It is not quite clear from the texts and memoirs whether Mrs Thatcher thought she could single-handedly prevent the reunifica-tion of Germany after the fall of the Berlin Wall. What is ob-

vious is that her entire con-

thought, should be postponed

She feared and detested Germany, and scarcely minded who knew this. Again she per-sonalised the enemy, with even less prudence than she demonised Mandela, and oper-ated on the near-public as-sumption that Chancellor Helmut Kohl was a power-crazed lumpenkrout of no great brain. She assembled a learned semi-nar to support her thesis, which most of its members de-clined to do — earning marks for fastidiousness, but none for imparting it to their leader.

The anti-German policy again hoisted prejudice above reason, regardless of the cost. With a clarity seldom available to living commentators, the Thatcher judgment that Germany must not reunite

The hero, in Mrs Thatcher's eyes, was Chief Buthelezi, The demon was Mandela

the judgment that Buthelezi merited British support against Mandela. It showed deep confusion. So, more as farce than tragedy, does the former leader's insistence that she did not understand what she was doing when she signed Britain into the EU's Single European Act. This is the originating document of the single market, the aspect of Europe she most approves of. It also expands the reach of sumes to resolve this contra-

duct at the time was directed towards that outcome. The expansion of Germany, she the evil construct of her enember the evil construct of her mies. Such is the realism Mrs
Thatcher brings to one of her
largest foreign-policy
decisions.
There were global judg-

ments she got right. In particular, she was right about the cold war, and about backing Gorbachev as an architect of its end. She was also right about the Gulf war. These, of course, mattered greatly. She had her own clarity, some-times making a helpful cut professional through indecision But Nelson Mandela's return recalls one of the bad

things she did to Britain's name. And this, note well, is more than history. The Tory right still circles approvingly round Buthelezi. He was here just before the recent Natal elections, in which he didn't do very well, coming in sup-port from anti-Mandela ele-ments in influential quarters, Jimmy Goldsmith in the wings. Lusting after great cap-italist politicians is a habit the right never tires of, however ephemeral their grasp on pop-ular support. Remember the last messiah, Silvio emeral their grasp on pop-

Berlusconi?
Britain was uniquely well placed to assist the apotheosis of Nelson Mandela. British investment and British trade gave London the lever that could have helped open his prison door. It was his, and our, misfortune that the moment of truth chanced to coincide with a British leader who did not want to take it. She preferred to pass by on the

Evidently he holds no grudge against this country. Perhaps he takes comfort from the disparity of reputa-tion. On the one hand, a former leader fading into dyspeptic insignificance, unloved by any but the coterie: on the other, a hero of the

Martin Woollacott says it's time the new generation relieved Mandela of his burden while, above, **Hugo Young** argues that Britain failed South Africa in her hour of need

have to be made. More than

the question of individual tal-

organisation of government

maximises or minimises abil-

ity and engages loyalty. Pol-

icy now sometimes seems to wait on decisions from above,

and those ANC members who recall the extended debates of

the past, from which they

emerged, as one put it, feeling that the decision was "com-

mon property", wonder at the

direction of events. South Af-

rica has a resilience which all races display. It will undoubt-

order to turn South Africa into a low-wage labour camp.
It is dedicated to narrowing
the gap between white relative wealth and black pov-

What is eccentric to one person is normal to another, and vice versa. When Mr Powles arrived in England, he was offered a bed for the night. He declined, preferring to sleep on his boat. To me that is as eccentric as anyfarms, food production, some six months, his sleeping conof it for export, and some ditions must have been terri-rural jobs, could be under ble, but then I like clean mined Similarly, tourism, a sheets. Perhaps Mr Powles big source of jobs, depends to doesn't. A poet called William some extent on features to do wilkle accepted from Lady with the politics of the old Lauderdale an invitation to regime, basically the hiding stay the night on the condiaway of population and pov-erty. Beauty, too, is political of dirty sheets. Wilkis de-lit must sometimes seem as tested clean sheets. He liked blankets, though, and slept

under 24 every night. There must be many people who, in the privacy of their own homes, do things that most of us would consider equally odd. The ones who hit the headlines usually do so through some public physical achievement like sailing round the world in a bathtub, or walking backwards from John O'Groats to Land's End. This is all acceptable unless it to be.

midday sun



Richard Boston

OME 20 years ago Les Powles gave up his job as a radio engineer and built himself a boat on which he has lived ever since. Not only that, he sailed single-handedly round the world in it. Then he did it again, in the it. Then he did it again, in the other direction. Now, at the age of 70, he has stepped ashore at Lymington, Hampshire, having (not entirely deliberately) sailed from New Zealand to England non-stop. In spite of a capsize, he has lived for months often on no more than a slice of corn beef and a few spoonfuls of rice a day. This sounds like an improvement on his diet during the previous voyage, when he subsisted on rice mixed with

toothpaste. Now, having lost five stone, he wants to put on a bit of weight and then sail to the Caribbean.
Why does he do it? Many people wouldn't even ask such a question. They're the ones who find nothing odd in the reply Mallory made when asked why he wanted to climb Everest "Because it is there." To me this remark is simply daft. You might as well say you want to eat a cowpat "because it is there". And why do I very much not want to climb Everest? Because it

Reaction to Mr Powles's latest exploit has generally con-est exploit has generally con-centrated on the survival as-pect, which is indeed astonishing. But for a seden-tary landlubber such as my-self, what is remarkable is not that he finished the journey but that he should ever have wanted to start it. My own attitude is that of the Old English poem, The Seafarer.
"On dry land man loveliest liveth."

endangers the lives of people who have to rescue them, which the intrepid Mr Powles

Fortunately our society still abounds in ecentrics all over the place. They are an essential defence against conformity. What Tabasco sauce is to food, eccentrics are to satisfies. society. Some of them you may find entertaining, some irritating, but we would be poorer without such characters as Eddie the Eagle, Spike Milligan, Dame Barbara Cartland, Patrick Moore, Magnus Pyke Barbara Woodhouse Pyke, Barbara Woodhouse and Sister Wendy Beckett. I confess that there are some in that list I can't abide.

And at a time when we have two political parties of scarcely distinguishable dullness, thank goodness for Ken Livingstone, Tony Benn and Tam Dalyell, and even for that matter Teresa Gorman and James Goldsmith, and the Yogic flyers of the Natural Law Party. Screaming Lord Law Party, Screaming Lord Sutch and Miss Whiplash

Fine distinctions may have to be made between eccen-trics, non-conformists and mavericks (named after Samuel A Maverick, a Texas rancher who did not brand his cattle) and those people who are just dotty or neurotic. Some of these people can be a real pain, but I would suggest that an eccentric is someone who walks by him-self without demanding com-pany and is a law unto him-self without wishing to impose that law on other people. The eccentric may be aware that his or her behaviour is different from that of most people, but still considers that behaviour to be most sensible. Being in a minority of one makes no difference. Such unconventionality

should at the very least be tolerated. In politics, arts and science it should be admired. JS Mill says, in On Liberty: "Eccentricity has always abounded when and where strength of character has abounded, and the amount of accumized, and the smount of eccentricity in a society has generally been proportional to the amount of genius, men-tal vigour, and moral courage

said that if a man isn't in step with his companions, 'per baps it is because be be step to the music he hears. however measured or far Dr David Weeks is a climi-

cal neuropsychologist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital who has spent 10 years study-ing 1,000 eccentrics. He found that characteristics they have in common include bad spellity, curiosity, idealism, a happy obsession with one or more hobbyhorses (often five or six), intelligence, a mis-chievous sense of humour, unusual eating habits or liv-ing arrangements, and better than average mental and

physical health. Also, they live longer than most. Sounds all right. Of course, if everyone was eccentric, it would be eccentric not

In Nelson's shadow

T IS only 12 years since the apartheid regime began tentatively con-ferring with the impris-oned Nelson Mandala. It is only 10, to show how much times have changed, since the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group flew out of South Africa in protest after PW Botha ordered military raids on African National Congress bases outside the country. It is only seven since the ANC's Harare Declaration opened negotiations, and only six since Mandels was released. Now he is the guest of the Queen and the toast of Brixton. But his visit has another significance, marking the transition, internationally, from a time of celebration and hat-throwing to a time of hard bargaining and hard choices for South Africa. The completion of the constitution and the withdrawal of the National Party from the gov-ernment earlier this year ended period during which for a new multi-racia was worked out betwee mer opponents without able violence, except in KwaZulu, and without crippling disagreements. The world marvelled and so did South Africans themselves. Above all, they marvelled at Mandela. White support for him went up from 5 per cent in polls in 1994 to over 50 per cent now. But these achievements are already yesterday's work, and Mandela himself is already.

in some sense, history. The generation of which he is a part has already gone. His longevity, his will, and his qualities mean he will for some time longer play an im-portant role, but inevitably the work to come will be done by men and women who are young enough to be his children and grandchildren. Diffi-cult though the political settlement has been, the prob-lems that now have to be tackled will be more difficult, and that of maintaining effective leadership especially hard after Mandela.

South Africa has to engage again with the formidable inter-related issues of internal stability on the one hand and of its place in the world economy on the other. Again, because these are old prob-lems in South Africa, whose economic life has always been managed politically and yet whose political life has always been buffeted by economic changes, sanctions being only the most extreme case of such pressures. That is why Mandela is accompanied on this trip by 100 businessmen and economic negotiators. South Africa has to bid for investment and trade in a world where capital can pick and choose much more widely than in the past, and it has to bid for if in a way that does not lead to political and

social catastrophe. There are two views about the South African economy. One is that it is a wealthy country whose wealth just needs to be divided more fairly. The other is that it is a potentially poor country, a country on the edge, a place where political mismanage. Investment from some South African black vatisation options run against rica has a resement could lead on to economic disaster. The latter is instance, to upgrade South ness community, which are did not make a revolution in edity need it.



former. The new South African government inherited a protected economy with some distant similarities to Russia. The old regime had always seen self-reliance as a virtue, even more so as sanctions came in. Now, as the tariff barriers come down, many firms are threatened, and with them the jobs that South Africa needs to meet the aspirations of its black urban pop-

closer to the truth than the | Africa's capacity to supply its | gues that investment will not own market and stop South Africa losing jobs, even possible

Battle has already been joined between the unions. which want to preserve and extend to new workers the

materialise unless there is a two-tier labour market, with though the government's one tier largely unregulated. plans, of course, assume that It has also been joined on major increases in jobs, of the privatisation, with the govorder of 250,000 new ones a erument edging closer to an year by 2000, are going to be option which would bring it considerable income. But privatisation, if it follows the pattern elsewhere would strip out jobs and reduce the wages of those who remain. Both the two-tier and the prirelatively reasonable wages Both the two-tier and the pri-some South African black vatisation options run against

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Hollywood thunder

AMES Mason, the | in the family's textiles firm, a wife Pamela, who has died aged 80, netically attracted to Hollywood but always wanted to establish a record as a bition and her temperament did not always sit easily with one another.

Long before forceful women became fashionable, Pamela Mason, then the delight of the British film gossip columns, was a pioneer, a dramatically powerful novelist and film scriptwriter. For many tal-ented and turbulent years, she was the wife and professional collaborator of Mason.

Before she married him she, Mason and the cameraman Roy Kellino, who was then her husband, each put £1,500 into their film based on a story by Pamels called Deadwater; they made it themselves with rented equip borrowed from Denham film studios. They towed the cara-

The more cool-headed James Mason acknowledged collaboration was based on an cal take-off from Pamela's head", and *Deadwater* was no exception. A farmer's nagging wife kills his doe, he then kills her and takes refuge in some woods where a girl in a caravan befriends him. Eventually, he finds out that she is a writer who is writing a novel based on her observa-

tion of him... Pamela thought she could rely on her family contacts to distribute the film; and in-deed her uncle, Mark Ostrer, did help by holding a country house weekend at which one of his guests suggested per-ping it up with the title I Met The five Ostrer brothers were eraman. Later, Mason was

chain of cinemas and Gau-mont British, the film production group. Pamela was the daughter of Isidore Ostrer, who believed making money was valuable only because money made it possible to appreciate art and healthy living. Many people recog-nised him as the brains of the five brothers - James Mason said they had one opinion and one brain between them.

It was always easy to see

By the end it was totally

certain that nobody, but nobody, had ever worn down Pamela Mason

wealthy and shrewd man, who had dropped out of her private school at nine and who in 1932 appeared in Jew Suss, one of her father's sumptuously-mounted films, would be headstrong and no meek worshipper of conven-tional morality. With the ben-efit of hindsight, it is easier to see why the Ostrers were less than delighted by an indepen-dent film made by a trio in which Pamela was shifting her intimate allegiance from Kellino to Mason, then a farfrom-well-known actor who was not studio fodder, but an

ex-architect with no reverence for producers. The Ostrer resistance only served to fire Pamela's determination both to go her own way and to stick to Mason. They had met after Mason had sported her as a visitor to the set when he was making Troubled Waters at Wembley A Murderer, which they did. | Studios with Kellino as cam-

musical at the Arts Theatre and suggested Pamela Kelmistake of not only thinking but saying that his wife had little acting talent.

Soon Mason and Pamela were together writing a comedy, Flying Blind. They went together to Dublin to play in Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice. They appeared at the Q Theatre in A Man



haps inevitable that they would soon be found posing in bed for the maid to find them together - then the obligatory ritual for those who sought a divorce.

Their determination to stay together during the second world war lost them parts in Michael Powell's cult film I they couldn't have been together on location in remote Mull — but enabled them to work together on many projects. They were nothing if not adaptable. They worked on an idea about the Bronte family for Sydney Box, especially featuring the bibulous Bronte brother Branwell, under the title The Upturned Glass. When Warner Brothers beat them to it with a Bronte film, the Masons re-used the same title for a film about a brain sur-

geon whose wife "accidentally" falls out of a window.

was a bad year in which fan magazines like Picturegoer didn't quote her abrasive opinions on life and love ad At the beginning of the war,

she had married James Mason — not without difficulty, as the Amersham Reg-istrar (whose office was half-way between Welwyn, where Mason was shooting This Man is Dangerous, and Beaconsfield, where they were living) insisted Pamela used her ex-husband's real name, which was Gislingham, in the correctory Press meeting of ceremony. Every mention of Gislingham made her hus-band-to-be dissolve into hys-

After the war, professional

and domestic arrangements and domestic arrangements became even more confused. Pamela, used to meeting US film executives at one or other of the Ostrer family homes in the South of France, pressed for independent pro-duction in Hollywood; Mason, ever impatient with the whims of British producers, succumbed. Roy Kellino and his second wife conveniently took over their house, looking after three geese in a back field as requested. Before setting off, Mason, pushed by Pamela, had met the US agent David E Rose and had signed, at Claridges Hotel, a letter which Rose said would help him to meet US executives on

their behalf. As soon as the Masons ar rived in the US, and made their own approaches for work and independent production, Rose took out what amounted to an injunction restraining both of them from working except through him. It was just one example of Pamela's pushiness exceeding her judgment, but it held them up for months until a court found in their favour — that no official contract with

The same seemed to happen in small things as in hig. Joan Bennett, the actress wife

asked if he could think of a | cited in gossip columns and it | of the producer Walter | leading lady for a Hungarian | was a bad year in which fan | Wanger and a friend of Pame-Hopper after an unfavourable mention. She then panicked and asked Pamela what to do. Pamela rang up Hopper and said she had friends who desperately wanted a skunk, but these exotic animals were so one. She had heard that Hop-per had received one — could she have it for her friends? in one matter - in failing to see the unimportance of her craft — added the Masons to ber black list.

> the couple wrote a book about their dozen cats. They set up four half-hour TV scripts threatening Hollywood as we knew it) with Roy Kellino as director, got no takers, and put three together as a feature film. The other, called The Child, introduced their own soon to become as popular a figure in the fan press as her mother. She was later joined

By the late 1950s, Pamela Mason had settled into Amerthan her husband. Once RCA offered them the best colour TV they made if Mason would colour TV set, to which she replied that they needed an-other one upstairs. The irony with which Mason recounted this story indicated their ways were to part - Mason returned to Britain, and she on two US chat programmes, The Pamela Mason Show and The Weaker Sex. They div-orced in 1964, shortly after she had added to her four published novels a book pro-phetically called Marriage Is

The First Step Towards

She remained a feisty charand went from Britain to con-



what had been the marital trol the company: but there said to be worth less than home behind the Beverly was the problem of her over when she had inherited them confident and over-assertive — and leave the board. father had thought he was a shrewd tycoon and was; he also thought he would live until he was 130, but didn't. when his favourite daughter was in her sixties, leaving her his dominant shareholding in the Illingworth Moss group in business which made suits for princes and presidents, vestments for the papacy and cloth for Dunlop tennis balls; it had a £100 million a year

This would have given her a secure future as she came

temperament. She fired sev eral executives, behaving less like a real tycoon than an actress playing a tycoon. She progressively offended the rest of the family shareholders until they sought a winding up order on the company. In a City saga given blanket media coverage in 1981, a High Court judge finally found that she had been irresponsible in sacking the executives without consultation and ordered her replacemen as administrator of her

father's £1.3 estate. She was

For her, it was back to the Beverly Hills mansion for good, playing in occasional TV like the 1985 production of Errol Flynn's autobiography later, more reflective, years she sometimes thought it just down" her husband; it was absolutely certain that nobody, but nobody, had ever worn down her.

Pamela Mason, actress and

Ernest Armstrong

The referee of the House

has died aged 81, was for 20 years a successful schoolmaster and headmaster to Durham miners' sons like himself. For 23 years he was a model MP for North-West Durham, rising to deputy speaker and privy councillor. And he was able to bequeath his seat to his only daughter, Hilary, who, as Labour's junior education spokesman, took one of his old jobs.

He was a tall erect figure with spectacles and a friendly smile. The only thing that could make him angry was the idea that workers' children should be deprived of equal opportunities. In 1973 he exploded at Dr Rhodes Boyson, a working-class Tory MP, who opposed the raising of the school-leaving age from

15 to 16 years: This was understandable in during the first world war as one of nine children of a Durham miner, the lodge secre-tary at the local — and now closed - pit. He made his own escape via Walsingham Grammar School and the Leeds Teachers Training College. He had joined the born into the Methodist Labour Party." he later said. After 15 years as a local schoolmaster, he was headmaster of Unsworth Colliery years. A non-smoker and non-drinker, he enjoyed himself

RNEST Armstrong, who | as a football referee; the highlight of his time on the pitch was at the schoolboy international between Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Always deeply political, he first contested Sunderland tling temporarily for two terms on Sunderland Town Council. He won NW Durham in 1964, becoming parliamen tary private secretary a year later to Anthony Greenwood and then to Merlyn Rees, also a miner's son. He then climbed the whips' ladder for five years, becoming northern whip and, for a day, dep-uty chief whip. He began enjoying himself in politics when he became an

education spokesman in 1973 and even more when he be-came Under-secretary for Education when Labour regained office in 1974. When the Environment in 1975, he was able to abolish tied cottages within the next year. On the Labour defeat in 1979, he was made a privy councillor

and a deputy speaker.

As a former headmaster and referee, this was an idea infallible memory for names his ability to spot trouble confrontations. He achieved this when Clare Short accused Alan Clark of being drunk, an unparliamentary

As an admitted "passionate

energy value of the gas sup-



fought Labour's leftward drift in the early 1980s. He was able to show his loyalty to his old union by serving the NUT as a consultant. He also served on the board of Municipal Mutual Insurance. After drama series, House of Cards, but discreetly refused to say whether Francis Urquart was a typical Tory chief whip.

Although urged in 1983 to take the new, safer neigh-bouring seat of Sedgefield which went to Tony Blair -he stuck to NW Durham. where he was born. This led to his daughter taking the seat: he had kept it warm until he was 70, thus holding at bay covetous front-benchers in marginal seats. like Michael Meacher.

In 1985, his loyal local party duly selected Hilary Armfrom among five candidates. He is also survived by his son John and his wife Hannah, whom he married 55 years ago,

Ernest Armstrong, miner and politician, born January 12, 1915; died July 8, 1996 moderate" and loyalist he

Hugh Popham

Deep sea flight

when, as a schoolboy I read an article by him on the Fleet Air Arm in an edition of the Commonwealth and Empire Annual. It was only as an adult that I gradually became aware of his reputation as a war poet, whose verse vividly conveyed what it was like to fly with the wartime Royal

He was the only son of Sir Henry Bradshaw Popham, a colonial governor in the West Indies. He broke off his law studies in 1940 to join the RN, trained in Canada, and joined one of the first squadrons flying Sea Hurricane fighters from the aircraft carrier HMS

Hugh took part in Opera-tion ironciad — the capture of Diego Suarez in Madagascar in May 1942 — and Operation Pedestal, which was perhaps the Fleet Air Arm's fierces engagement, around the Malta convoy in August of that year. He enjoyed extraor-dinary good fortune as a pilot. One evening, returning to the fleet in the setting sun, he was repeatedly fired on as he tried an approach. He could just make out what he thought, correctly, was a car-rier, and crash-landed on the deck of HMS Victorious. He threw himself out of the cockpit just before his Hurricane exploded. Later, crash-land-ing near Mombasa, he got away with only a broken

thumb. When Hugh's squadron was published in 1951. In 1954, See re-equipped with Seafires - Flight, the classic account of

FIRST came across the the Spitfire naval variant — his wartime exploits was pubwriting of Hugh Popham, he broke his back in a collished. Three more novels, who has died aged 78, sion with a fellow pilot, who Sea Beggars (1961). The was killed, and was hospitalised for a year. Back in service, he flew his Seafire from the carriers Illustrious and Unicorn in support of the September 1943 Allied land-ing in Salerno.

It was during a spell ashore in Gibraltar that Hugh fell down some stairs, injuring his knee and was sent back to Britain. On board ship he completed the poem Against The Lightning (1944), which provided the title of his first verse collection which wor the Bodley Head literature prize. A section from this poem was chosen by Philip Larkin for the Oxford Book of Twentieth Century Verse Hugh used his prize money -£150 — to get married. He then finished his active service at sea as a "batsman" the deck landing control officer - for the escort carriers

tic convoys.

Returning to civilian life Hugh took up his literary career in earnest, publishing two poetry collections — The Journey and the Dream (1945) and To the Unborn - Greet ings (1946). But his first wife and twin babies died in child-birth and he moved to Barbados for three years, where he remarried, did some teaching and worked on house design and construction. By the end of the 1940,s he was back in Britain and his first novel, Beyond the Eagle's Rage, was

Striker and Campania on Arc

Shores of Violence (1963) and The House at Cane Garden (1966) were to follow, plus a series of ghosted reminis cences - including that of the last white Ranee of Sarawak and several military histories.

Into The Wind (1969) was for some years the standard history of British naval fly-ing. And his 1979 publication of A Thirst for the Sea, the sailing logs of Erskine Childers, jointly edited with his late wife Robin, revealed his love and deep knowledge of sailing.

About a decade ago. Hugh wrote a letter to Country Life asking for help with his pro-jected life of our common ancestor, Admiral Sir Home Riggs Popham. I had always been intrigued by the exploits of a man who, in the early 19th century, captured Bue-nos Aires for the British Crown on his own initiative. and who devised the signalling code that Nelson used to transmit his "English ex-pects" just before the Bartle of

Trafalgar. I rang Hugh at his Cornwall home and we began to meet fairly regularly in London on his research trips. Both High and I bore the family name Home - the only trouble was my part of the family called him "Hume". We agreed to disagree on the pronunciation of the Admiral's terst Gradually his labours

love on behalf of the Admiral



turned into A Damned Cun-ning Fellow. It was a book of scholarship, wit and distinccontribution to the history of

Popham . . . lucky pilot

tion, described by John Keecolourful and exciting biography, which is an important the Royal Navy in its golden age". Yet it couldn't find a publisher, so Popham estab-lished the Old Ferry Press. and the book was shortlisted for the 1993 Marsh Biography Award. Its success led Hugh to republish Sea Flight, and its reissue coincided with the 1994 restoration of the only surviving Sea Hurricane which Hugh had flown on a number of wartime missions.
At the time of his death
Hugh had returned to his first
love, poetry, inspired by a
recent cruise up the Nile with his fifth wife Mary, who together with the son and daughter of his second mar-riage survive him. Another

Mike Popham Hugh Henry Home Popham, ave

1920; died June 30, 1996

whose reporters could have

helped themselves to the Hills

odds. Hills spokesman Gra-

ham Sharpe denied that they had taken any lumpy bets, in-

wager on a Wimbledon streak

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Naked cash

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down and across urinals, tries to hit fly or bug. Absent-minded: opens vest. pulls out tie, pisses in pants. Little: stands on box, falls in, drowns

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Cat confusion IVE BEEN researching

Multiple Personality Disorder, and I think my cats have MPD. For instance, one cat goes in and out a lot. She'll meow at the door to be let out, goes out, meaws to come back in, is let back in. and two minutes later the cycle begins again. I'm begin ning to suspect that she is actually amnesiac for baving seen let out in the first place. I don't hold with those theories that are critical of the MPD diagnosis, implying that the cats behaviour is purely hysterical or manipulative. My cat would never manipulate, our bond is too

Possibly she is switching from an "indoors and wants to go out" alter ego to an "out doors and wants to come in' one. Possibly her symptoms indicate underlying concerns to do with (door) closure. I should note that she has a history of abuse - she's a lab

deen for that.)

culiar traits that might be dissociative as well. Like the first, she has an early childbood history of trauma, living on the mean streets of Oakland under the tutelage of her notorious father "The

Original Mop", who suddenly disappeared one year. For one thing, she forgets that she has eaten almost immediately after every meal. Consequently, she gets fed twice, once by me and once by my partner. I think she ha "hungry" alter, possibly related to her early experiences of deprivation. Also, she likes to lie in for-

bidden spots. Even though she is repeatedly told no, she immediately jumps back up on to the printer, bed, etc. I suspect that such forced removal is actually traumatic for her, and the stress of the event precipitates a switch into an alter ego-personality that remembers nothing about having been thrown off.

Both cats often appear to be

in a daze, staring at nothing

in particular for hours on

fashion. The way that their

ears twitch or they meow at nothing in particular also suggests to me that they are bearing voices of alter kitties in their head. As a follow up to the origi-nal research. I've learned that

at least one of the subjects reported has come to view her posterior appendage as a hostile alter ego — the rest of her body periodically chases and bites it, in an apparantly bys terical frenzy. Multiple feline frenzies dis-

cussed by Ms. Johnson http:// 137.19.32.131 catmpd htm Thanks to Alfred Douglas. Naked cash

A WIMBLEDON streaker is at the centre of a betting rid-dle. The blonde stunned finalists Richard Krajicek and Malivai Washington by dashing

naked across the court as

they warmed up before yes-

terday's climax. It was the first time a streaker has been sighted at Wimbledon — and came the day after. Hill's curiously slashed their streaker odds from 6-1 to 4-1. Wimbledon chiefs have criticised Hills for

offering such odds, believing that eventually they would encourage punters fearless enough to have all to cash in. There was no clear evidence

on Sunday night that the streaker, 27-year old London student Mclissi Johnson, had taken a slice of the 6-1. But in a twist to the story, r emerged that Miss Johnson may have been put up to her

history-making dash by a

national tabloid newspaper

why the odds were slashed. And with so much ruin about, RACING P ST what else was there to do? But a Wimbledon insider told us: tiffy to the "Hills may not yet pay up. it's a put-up Job."
Derck McGovern in the Racing Post unwils a financial



Racing Post streaker odds

Big bird

WE HAVE been asked about the tax consequences for taxpayers who purchase ostriches with the intention of making money out of the birds and their products. There are a number of schemes on offer to the public

ing at the Wimbledon men's finals.

at the present and the detailed arrangements vary from scheme to scheme. This article is in fairly general terms. It does not cover taxpayers who farm ostriches on their own land. The taxpayers covered in this article are described for convenience as

In general, investors who have acquired one or more ostriches, which are being looked after on their behalf in a business-like way, are likely to be carrying on a trade. It follows that investors who cannot establish that they have acquired an ostrich may not be able to demonstrate that they were carrying on a trade. The Inland Revenue tackles the problem of ownership and os-trichs in their recent tax bulletin. Thanks to Paul Chitty.

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Emily Sheffield

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Granada and Cariton shed surplus **ITN** stock

CARLTON Communica-tions and Granada yes-terday sold the last of their surplus shares in Independent Television News in a deal valuing the newscaster at more than £102 million, writes Lisa Buckingham.

The 12 per cent stake in ITN was sold for £12.3 million to United News and Madda where televisions.

Media, whose television subsidiaries include Meridian and Anglia. United already controls 5 per cent of

The disposal of 6 per cent stakes by Carlton and Granada means the companies now comply with the 1990 Broadcasting Act, which puts a ceiling of 20 per cent

on individual stakes in ITN. Four months ago, Gra-nada and Carlton — whose stakes in the news organisation (pictured in action) had breached limits following their acquisitions of, respectively, LWT and Cen-tral TV — sold a 20 per cent shareholding to the Daily Mail and General Trust.



Labour demands full facts on public finance after Europe warns against tax cuts before election

Come clean, Clarke urged

ABOUR sought last night to exploit the Government's dis-comfort over the poor state of the public finances, after the European Union became the latest organisation to warn against pre election tex cuts.

With the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, accepting yesterday's Brussels findings that the UK risked failing to qualify for the single European currency if it relaxed fiscal currency if it relaxed fiscal currency in the Budget, the Onposition demanded answers

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storm hits世

to six detailed questions.

The Chancellor, who has been using an unexplained undershoot in tax revenues to play down the prospects of tax cuts in November, made clear that he agreed with the report from the European Union's monetary committee, the body assessing whether member states will be ready for a Speaking after finance ministers met in Brussels, Mr Clarke said: "The conclusions of this report are entirely satisfactory and are in line with the Government's

The Chancellor will use his HSBC Midland economist summer economic forecast Don Smith said: "It is con-

today to increase his 1996-7 estimate for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from 222.5 billion to around 2.28 billion, after acknowledg-ing at the weekend that Trea-sury officials had "got their sums wrong".

He said yesterday: "As Chancellor of the Exchequer I am free to pursue my own policy. But the report does not tell me anything that I did not already know."

PECULATION that in-

terest rates will be cut revived last night after official figures showed that manufacturers

cut prices for the second month in a row in an effort

to boost sluggish demand

City analysts said the

drop in prices made it more likely that Chancellor Ken-

neth Clarke would cut base

rates from 5.75 per cent

during the coming mouths

and clear stock backlogs.

Gordon Brown, said yester-day that it was not acceptable for Mr Clarke to blame mis-takes on his "boffins". "We have got to have an ac-

curate picture of what is hap-pening and this should be done through an independent audit," he said, urging the Chancellor to detail the full Chancellor to detail the full cost of the beef crisis and five other pressures on public finances. Mr Brown said Mr its report to ministers,

DKB International, said:

"The figures show infla-

tionary pressures remain subdued. On the inflation

side, it is encouraging news for the market."

The fall in factory gate

prices of 0.2 per cent in June was, however, the big-

gest drop since December 1991 and provided fresh evidence that manufactur-

ers are struggling, despite

The latest data, from the

Office for National Statis-

strengthening consumer

pact of the black economy on VAT receipts, the extent of tax avoidance in the corporate sector, the effect of slower growth on the PSBR and the cost of social security

over-runs this year.

Analysts said manufac

turers were able to cut prices partly because their

month. The prices of fuel

stronger pound made im-ports cheaper.

But the underlying me

tobacco and oil, also fell

dramatically. Analysts said

weak demand, especially

from European markets.

The shadow chancellor, Clarks needed to spell out the monetary committee ing. 'There would appear to sordion Brown, said yester-bow much the "mistake" on tax revenues had cost, the impact of the black economy on of Denmark, Ireland and Lux-box on the "mistake" on tax revenues had cost, the impact of the black economy on of Denmark, Ireland and Lux-box on the state of the black economy on the state of the state of the black economy on the state of the state o embourg, have not yet suffi-ciently reduced their budget deficits to meet the criteria for a single currency set out

In the case of the UK the report says that action is needed "as rapidly as poss-ible" to tackle the continuing excessive budget deficit, add-

what may, may disappoint a few people in the Conserva-tive party," he said, "But the overwhelming, vast majority of Conservative backbenchers fould only want tax cuts they were consistent with sistent with our view that tics, also showed annual base rates can fall by another quarter-point in the autumn." Gerard Lyons, of months.

price cuts. This was under

lined by separate ONS fig-ures for output in the pro-duction industries.

Manufacturing output

was unchanged in May against April, and against a year ago.

Despite the boost in total industry output to a record afficial said and raw materials de-

level in May, officials said the outlook for overall production was stagnant. Much of the 0.5 per cent sure of input prices, which excluded food, beverages,

rise in the three months to creases in the electricity. gas, water and mining and quarrying sectors, largely ascribed to unusually cold

Piloting the path to Pyrrhic victory



Edited by Patrick Donovan

BRITISH Airways pilots should beware. Their dispute has all the trappings of a Wapping or a miners' strike of 10 years ago: a single powerful group of workers who can bring their organisation to a half at a stroke. But a long, indefinite stoppage could play straight into the hands of Bob Ayling. BA's chief executive, who has been quietly preparing a fight

for some time.

The strike threat is certainly not about pay. Many top ranking BA pilots earn £80,000 a year, plus other entitlements, enough for many of them to own two homes and educate their children privately. If they are seeking public support, they should

look elsewhere.

It has more to do with BA's decision to make savings of £1 billion over the next four years, a move which has sent a tremor through BA's 53,000 staff. They equate that with big job losses, greater efficien-cies and local profit targets.

expenditure policy."
Asked about the likely po-litical reaction in the Tory BA's other staff see the pi lots as the only group capable of doing battle for them all. party if there were no pre-election tax cuts, Mr Clarke insisted that his strategy Ayling is very strong on profit-sharing and talking di-rectly to staff, thereby circumnavigating the unions. He also sees strong groups such as the pilots obstructing

servative MPs.
"My speeches, in which I make it clear I am not prepared to go for tax cuts come his plans.
There is still a week to go before the strike goes ahead, time enough for a settlement to emerge. But already there is private talk about lay-offs, contracting out work to other union labour.

The pilots are angry, but nobody outside the industry proper control of public finances." The Chancellor said be still believed tax cuts were "a will pay much attention to them if they have to start sellgood thing" but added: "You ing their second homes. Tactionly get tax cuts when when you have got your public spending under control, have cally, BA has boxed them into s corner, and they are going still respected your priority spending commitments and

You can see why they are doing it. But it is the wrong battle at the wrong time.

HANCELLOR Kenneth

have got your borrowing on a firm downward path." Although the Chancellor Hold the toast

Clarke yesterday ruled out big tax cuts in the nomic convergence with the rest of the European Union was justified whether or not run-up to the next election. But the Government may yet be able to count on the return of the "feel-good" factor for mortgage-obsessed Middle England, thanks to what appears to be a sustained upturn in the property market. For months, self-serving forecasts from the personal finance industry have been predicting a steady increase in prices. Yesterday, their bullish claims were given extra weight by Legal & General, the insurance company whose research is regarded as among the most cautious in

rubbished as a scaremonger

when it warned that house price inflation would average no more than 5.5 per cent over the rest of the decade— far lower than rates forecast by the rest of the industry.
In the event, even L&G's

gloomy predictions proved over-optimistic as house prices continued to tumble; a continuous six-and-a-half year fall which is without precedent in post-war Britain.
According to L&G, house prices will rise by 40 per cent over the next seven years. More important, it expects the scourge of negative equity to be wiped out nationally

over the next couple of years. But estate agents should not break open the champagne yet. Prices may be on the up, but there is scant hope of the kind of rocketing boom we have seen during the last three cycles.

are already nudging 70 per cent — even if a lot of those are looking to trade up their homes. Second, over the longer term, demographic changes mean that there will be a steady fall in demand for starter homes by the all-im-portant under-35 group which traditionally underpins move-

ment in the market.
The L&G forecast bodes well for the future. Few benefit from boom-bust property cycles. Homes should be bought to live in, not as spec-

Clarke's calculus

"HE latest evidence of weak manufacturing demand seems to provide a good case for another cut in interest rates to boost the all-

ing factory sector.
Although consumer confidence is on the up, with all its implications for spending the revival on the high street has not been enough to counter weak demand from key European markets. Factory bosses have been forced to cut prices for the second month running as stock overhangs remain

The continuing bid to drum up demand and the reduction in core producer prices show that the Chancellor's last rate cut to 5.75 per cent was needed. In the past, Mr Clarks has tended to focus on the bealth of manufacturing, and output was certainly weak last month. Officials have pregrowth will remain flat, and he might be tempted to cut again. But this might be less

There are already signs that manufacturing performance will pick up, even without a base-rate reduction. High-street spending is relatively buoyant and strengthening, and there are signs that European markets are recovering.

ustifiable.

There is a strong argument that a rate cut simply to boost manufacturing activity would be a mistaka. However, Mr Clarke will not want to keep base rates any higher than necessary. With inflationary pressure seemingly benign, he may feel another 25 basispoints cut would not jeopardise his 25 per cent inflation target. In those circum-Three years ago, L&G was stances, another reduction would be justifiable.

BA welcomes exhumation of its 'dirty tricks'

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Airways yester day welcomed a US jus-tice department investigation into its planned iliance with American Airlines and is expected to offer evidence to the inquiry later this week.

that the department had approached Virgin Atlantic, tor, for documents relating to a US lawsuit filed in 1993. At that time Virgin had claimed that BA was using a "dirty tricks" campaign in an attempting to monopolise the iransatiantic market.

Virgin said that the department deemed documents relating to Virgin's litigation against BA to be relevant to the proposed alliance. BA said that the the US

move brought approval of the deal "one step closer". The airline said it hoped that it would be served with a demand to produce documents, because this would show that the investigation was "truly

BA said that the justice department investigation indicated that the anti-trust authorities were "putting their. foot on the accelerator" towards clearing the alliance which BA and American, planned to start operating

from April next year. The alliance would be the biggest in a series of recent alliances between US and are inevitable.

European airlines which from the US transportation

The immunity allows airlines to share pricing and other operational informa-

While the US transporta tion department makes the final decision, the alliance must first be vetted by the jus-tice department, which has taken an unusually aggres sive stance towards the BA-American alliance. It has instituted a civil investigation into the pact, sep-

arate from its normal regula-The proposed alliance also faces British and European Commission investigations. The Office of Fair Trading is expected to recommend to

the Government that the matter be referred to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. The OFT says that the issue can be dealt with only under British rather than European

jurisdiction. BA, Virgin and American Airlines are all due to face the House of Commons transport select committee tomorrow. The committee has convened a series of emergency sessions due to be beld before Parliament rises at the end of

the month. Richard Branson, head of Virgin, argues that the alli-ance would place his airline at an unfair commercial disadvantage, while BA and American say that links be-tween international carriers

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Britain sucks £7.8m from Hoover

ANDY, the Italian corporation which bought Hoover Europe last year, said yesterday it was investing £7.8 million in its British operations, creating more than 50 new jobs and safeguarding over 2,000 more. Most of the new jobs will be at Hoover's main UK plant, at Merthyr Tydfil, south Wales, where Candy has decided to concentrate its entire tumble dryer manufacturing at a

cost of just over £3 million. There will also be an un-specified number of new jobs at Bromborough, Merseyside, from where Candy plans to relaunch Hoover as a fridge and freezer manufacturer, after a 12-year absence from the market. Candy, Europe's

fourth-biggest maker of white | south Wales is reasonably | over Germany, Italy and goods, is also investing | comparable with Italy, but | France." £4.75 million in Hoover's vac cuum cleaner plant at Cam buslang. Strathclyde, from where it will launch three new ranges over the next

Announcing the investment, Candy's president, Pep-pino Fumagalli, said the company had stepped up its British operations because of from the European social Britain a more attractive place to do business.

Mr Fumagalli, whose brother founded Candy in 1945 and whose family still owns the company, said the investment represented a "vote of confidence" in the UK and south Wales. He added: "In terms of pay,

there are fewer levies, fewer social charges, which is a distinct advantage of the UK KipperWilliams



Three years ago, when owned by America's Maytag Corporation, Hoover out raged the French government by switching production from Dijon to Cambuslang, at the cost of more than 600 French jobs, because Scottish workers were cheaper. Unlike its policy elsewhere in Europe, Candy does not recognise trade unions at Merthyr.

declined to repeat previous confident forecasts that the

UK would qualify for EMU, he insisted that greater eco-

Britain joined in the Euro.

would be backed by most Con-

Yesterday's announcement comes a year after Candy bought Hoover's European businesses from Maytag for about £108 million after Hoover's disastrons 1992 UK sales promotion - Maytag was left with a bill of over £48 million when more than 220,000 people enjoyed free airline tickets after buying Hoover

GrandMet to slice up its foods

Lisa Buckingham

RAND Metropolitan, the food and drinks group at the centre of weekend takeover specula-tion, is expected to sell or close down a slice of its European food operations in an attempt to improve profits and raise its standing with City shareholders.

The company is in the middle of a strategic review of its European food businesses. which are producing what inably low rates of return.

vestors regard as unaccept-That review should be completed within the next two months, and the company.

before the end of the year. But the company's new chief executive, John McGrath, denied that the con-John inental rethink had anything to do with leaks that rival

Guinness was considering a

Guinness, which admitted considering proposals put forward by its main adviser, Lazards, to launch a bid for GrandMet, said yesterday this option had been ruled out as had the possibility of demerging the group's brewing and spirits businesses. GrandMet, whose European

mega-takeovers had ended. attempt to boost volumes and Instead, the company would prices by spending heavily on be reducing debt and was con-sidering buying its own would involve accepting a shares to boost the return to Although the group does not regard itself as immune to

hostile II3 billion bid. takeover, GrandMet is hinting that profits growth in its IDV spirits business — which has brands such as Smirnoff range of expectations this

Analysts said the embar-rassing leak of the takeover rose by 4p to 474p, while those food division made profits of plans had focused attention of GrandMet shot up by 18p to which has not enjoyed the just £7 million on a turnover on Guinness's lack of organic 440p.

best of relations with investors recently, is expected to of the financial year, said yestart to reshape the business | terday its recent record for | ging behind GrandMet in the short-term hit to profits for the group whose main spirits brands include Johnnie

Walker and Gordon's Gm. "At this point, there do not appear to be that many options open to them [Guinness except to just plug on and vodka. Baileys and J&B | wait for growth to return to whisky - will be in the upper its mature markets," commented one analyst.

Despite the negative com-

Iron Maiden's managers test rave nation's mettle over name

THERE was a note of dis cord in two Sanctuaries yesterday, with the heavy metal band Iron Maiden's managers readying for battle with a bunch of rave

Rave promoter Sanctuary Leisure, which plans to float on Ofex, the City's market for smaller compa-nies, has been threatened with legal action by Sanctuary Group — the media business which manages the heavy metal group unless it changes its name. Sanctuary Leisure, which also runs US-style pool

halls, is intending to raise £750,000 by floating just under a third of its shares later this month.

Sanctuary Group, whose other activities include television and music pro- two years."

duction, is unhappy about the similarity between the A spokesman said it has

instructed solicitors to warn Sanctuary Leisure "passing off".
"Sanctuary Group is sensitive that Sanctuary Lei-

sure operates in an area. raves, that the music industry is deeply suspicious of,' be added.

Sanctuary Leisure's chief executive, Ivan Weston, said he was confident that there was nothing wrong with his company's name and insisted that the flotation would go ahead as planned.

He went on: "We investigated the name, it was ac-House, and we have been trading under it without any problems for the last

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Budget pressures spoil SFO success

Dan Atidnson

EARLY eight out of 10 defendants prose-cuted by the Serious Fraud Office during and all har one of those found guilty were sent to prison. These results have turned around a decline in the conviction rate from 71 per cent in 1992/93 to just 51 per cent

Four of the five people ac-quitted during 1995/96 were the defendants in the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and former Robert Maxwell employees Robert Bunn and Larry Trachtenberg. The fifth was the girlfriend of a con-

Despite the 78 per cent conviction rate, director George Staple warned that the SFO's budget will come under criti-cal pressure within the next few months if there is no increase in resources

The anti-fraud strike force is "very much at the limit", he said. The budget for this year stands at £16.60 million, against spending of £20.99 million during 1992/93.

While the SFO accepts that some fall was inevitable, as major inquiries such as Bank of Credit and Commerce International and Polly Peck were wound down, it fears a continuing cost squeeze may

affect its efficiency.

This is a particular worry as the office embarks on a full-blown inquiry into the London copper market, in the wake of the exposure of rogue trader Yasuo Hamanaka. The maverick dealer, who worked for Japan's Sumitomo group, ran up at least \$1.8 billion (£1.2 billion) in losses on his unauthorised trades.

Should the copper scandal

winding down after total costs estimated at £5 million then the SFO may have to ask Parliament for extra money.

August's public spending round will see the SFO battling hard to avoid a further squeeze on its budget. In the meantime, the SFO report for 1995/96, published yesterday. shows a continuing shift towards smaller, provincial swindles and "investor" crimes --- those involving the

'SFO budget will come under critical pressure

within the next few months if there is no increase in resources'

GEORGE STAPLE has delivered his last annual report as Serious Fraud Office director; he leaves Elm Street next month, destination unknown. Four years ago, the

Maxwell empire had just collapsed, the BCCI inquiry was in full swing and Guinness cases were still moving towards trial. Yesterday, Mr Staple made it clear be has not

decided whether to return to his old post as senior litigation partner at City olicitors Clifford Chance Despite a stormy tenure that has seen the flight of Asil Nadir and the collaps of a number of high-profile about having taken a job he

the scale of BCCI - now | defrauding of ordinary members of the public.

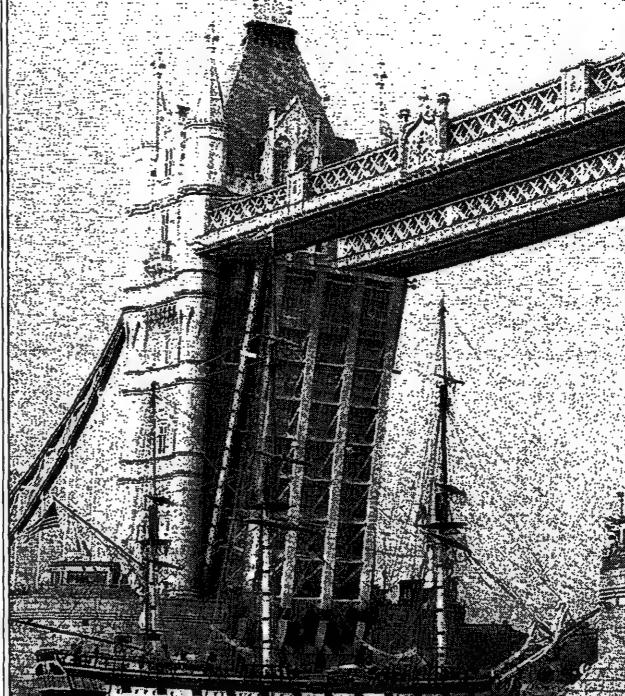
This is partly a result of the March 1995 reduction from £5 million to £1 million, of the size of fraud that will be considered by the SFO. Success ful cases from the past year which highlight this change of emphasis, and were men tioned in yesterday's report include a crooked food and drink supplier in the Mid-lands and a bent solicitor on the south coast.

SFO barristers are now as likely to be found in a provincial Crown Court, prosecut-ing relatively minor-league swindlers, as in the Old Bai-ley handling big fraud cases. Mr Staple said this re-shaping of the SPO as the small investors' friend was "partly delib-erate", but was also a byproduct of the economic cycle there were simply fewer big frauds around.
The number of investor

The number of investor frauds investigated by the SFO rose from 14 in 1994/95 to 29 last year, of the increase of 15. six would have been eligible for SFO treatment under the old criteria and the remaining nine would have been ruled out when the 25 million threshold was

while accepting that the "widows and orphans-type" victims of investor frauds are more sympathetic to the gen eral public, Mr Staple rejected the idea that "maroffences were merely technical infringements. have no doubt myself that

there are real victim Mr Staple added that 80 ne cent of its cases now involved people or firms unregulated by any City or professional agency. To the extent that its existence deterred fraud in unregulated areas, he said, then the SFO itself was the de



Sail of the centuries . . . HMS Rose, replica of a frigate built in Hull in 1787, spot

Hanson erodes US coal profits

me Guardian Tim

ANSON said yesterday that profits of Peabody, its US coal subsidiary, would be hit by \$70 million a year when it abandons controversial accounting policies in preparation for the flota-tion of the company as part of Hanson's break-up.

Following the announcement, Hanson's shares fell 2.5p to a five-year low of 169.5p. The shares have slipped 21 per cent so far this

When the conglomerate bought Peabody in 1990 it made large provisions to cover pension and sickness payments. But yesterday the parent company said it would remove £1.2 billion from Pea-body's balance sheet, charg-ing the payments instead

against profits each year.
The costs will be charged in proportion to coal output, in line with accounting practice in the industry. This will reduce profits by £70 million each year, although cash pay-ments will not be affected.

will wipe £2.3 billion from the balance-sheet value of the Cornerstone aggregates business, and a further £0.6 billion

from Peabody.
This change, too, will have no impact on cash flows but will result in a small rise in annual profits.

Hanson said the demerger of Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco was still on schedule for October 1, and coal and electricity interests, including Eastern Electricity, will be floated off next year as The Energy Group.

The conglomerate said the demerger would cost £20 mil-Hoare Govett and other advi-

Farmers learn Dairy Crest float choices as Unigate widens spread with Kraft buy

Roger Cowe

As Dairy Crest moved a step closer yesterday to floating off from its Milk Marketing Board parent, its rival Unigate acquired Kraft's European spreads business to build up its non-milk opera-

offer that will give farmers and commodity cheese. Chief the chance of cashing in their executive John Houliston ownership of the company or taking up shares when it floats on the stock market.

The share price will be announced on July 31, with share dealings beginning on August 28. Two-thirds of farmers have

indicated that they intend to take shares in the company. Almost a third of the total shares will be placed with fi-nancial institutions.

said markets remained tough, with doorstep milk deliveries continuing to fall.

shares being offered to the public. The purpose of the flo-tation, which was originally planned to coincide with the end of the old milk regime two years ago, is to repay debts owed to farmers by the

Residual Milk Marketing In the past two years, Dairy Crest has lowered costs and business is in the UK, how-made acquisitions to reduce ever, where sales last year Dairy Crest issued a path-finder prospectus detailing the structure of the share its dependence on liquid milk

> He promised growth over the next couple of years, however, from the Clover spread brand and the joint venture with Yoplait. "We are a hard-driving, hard-running com-mercial business. We have an attractive set of cards in our

hands."
Unigate strengthened its St

any new funds, nor are any | £77 million for Kraft's European margarine and spreads operation.
The deal will put togethe Unigate's Utterley Butterley and Gold brands with Kraft's

Vitalite and Golden Churn, creating a broader collection across the spreads market. . Kraft also sold its small Italian operation. Most of the were 259 million.

chief executive, said: "This acquisition adds high-profile brands to our existing portfolio and significantly expands our market presence in the

Finance director John Worby said the group was looking for other acquisitions to build its business else where in Europe.

Unigate said the deal would improve its earnings this ancial institutions.

Unignte strengthened its St year. Its shares ended the day
The company is not raising livel business by paying 4p higher at 399p.

Jill Papworth

OUSE prices are set to rise annually by an average 6 per cent over the next four years — enough to eliminate negative equity for most sufferers by 1998, according to a new report.

Legal & Generai Investment Management predicts that over the next will increase by a total 40 per cent, making the average price just over

The expected increase in prices should be enough to wipe out negative equity by disposable income growth

1998 for most of the 1.1 million-plus homeowners whose properties are currently worth less than their mortgage debt, said L&G's strategy director, David Shaw.

"A 6 per cent increa

over the next year or so alone should remove some 200,000 people from negative equity." he said.
After falling for the past
six and a haif years, house
prices, "which signif-

icantly overshot on the downside, are now poised for a sustained, albeit modest, cyclical recovery. Mr Shaw said. Job insecurity, sluggish

Forecast

Thousands to escape negative equity trap

/ear	Inflation	Price	Average price £
096	2.5	5.50	53,600
997	3.0	7.50	57,B30
998	3.5	5.75	61,150
899	4.0	5.00	64,820
000	4.0	4.65	67,530
100	3.0	3,50	70,200
002	2.5	2.85	72,200

and negative equity have driven prices into a far lower cyclical trough than has ever been previously encountered, he said. But three factors

low mortgage rates. 'property affordability" — the ratio of house prices to average earnings — and a sharp acceleration in money

supply growth.
. These three indicators "all now sit at levels that have historically stimnlated a cyclical rise in property prices," he said. Rob Thomas, housing analyst at UBS, said: "L&G's forecasts are very close to what we've been

saying for some time. "We predict a 34 per cent price rise in house prices by the end of the year 2,000

with past unswings in the housing market. House price forecasts from the Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender, the long term, with a 20 to 25 per cent increase over

the next five years.
But all three of the commentators are broadly in line with a 5 to 5.5 per cent rise forecast for this

Mr Thomas commented 'There's a consensus forming on house prices, because there's always danger of complacency - a good increase but not | when everyone agrees.'

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Meanwhile, Mr Hutchings has to tread the delicate line between emphasising what a terrific company Gates is and pointing out that Tomkins

He said that such develorment might involve, for instance, the improvement of

Tomkins' cash cache and accounting systems. | after the debt write-off at

Pauline Springett cost of buying the company.

Gates may be the main item on Mr Hutchings agenda at the moment, but it is by no

Tomkins' figures means the only one. The integration of foods group Ranks allowed company chairallowed company chairallowed horses McDounall -- which it man Greg Hutchings breathing space to concentrate on the coming year rather than the past 12 months.

Outlook

The profits were up, despite the slump in lawnmower sales caused by the severe weather in North America anyway the freeze triggered a surge in demand for snowblowing machines.

The big issue now facing it up' Tomkins is its acquisition of the US commony, Gates Rule er, announced last year. The deal was given the thumbs-up by the City, which considered Gates, \$1.2 billion sales, business - producing power transmission belts and hoses — a good fit with Tomkins'

established operation. There then followed several months of uncertainty, after which it emerged that there were various tax hurdles standing in the path of the Gates family. But it should be finalised at the end of July. assuming that nothing crawls

well, and there are opportunities for growth Mr Hutchings emphasised that the deal had been structured so that it would not be

Tomkins is paying for Gates with \$1,160 million 2753 millions of convertable shares and a £200 million cash injection to arite off the company's debt.

can achieve real earnings growth with it by developing

Tomkins estimates such a Gates its gearing will be nil move could save up to Mr Hutchings is not ruling £250 million, or a third of the out a share buyback, and sitions when Gates has bed eral strategy at Tomkins

bought in 1992 for 1990 million - has, he says, com nleted its first stage. Tomkins says it has boosted RHM's operating profit by nearly 45 per cent, achieved

on the back of only an 11 per The next stage at RHM, said Mr Hutchings, was to "get good ongoing growth, to in-

Certainly Tomkins has mough spare cash to myest. It ended the year with a net balance of \$39.5 million in its roffers -- 2105 million more

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frission of auxiety surround ing the Tomkins Formed-Fibre business in the US. De softe having a sales total of itself in glory.
"It's not making any vest in the business and build.

money." said Mr Hutchings Efforts would be made to im prove the profits, he said, neatly sidestepping the ques tion of whether a disposal is than the previous year. Even on the agenda.

Tomkins

Makes wide range of industrial

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That does not rule out the odd disposal, should a busi-

ness fail to come up to

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Water chief's pay-off attacked by Labour

A BUMPER pay-off for a water company chief provoked condemnation from Labour yesterday and a warning that a windfall tax would be imposed on the utilities if the party won the election. Bill Fraser, former managing director of South West Water, received £889.500 in pay, perks and compensation for loss of office.

According to the annual report. Mr Fraser was paid \$226,000 in compensation, £110,000 in pension and other payments, holds share options worth £279,500 and was paid £224,000 in his last snam opinions worth 225,300 and was point and 4,000 in his last year in office. He has also been given a consultancy with his former employers, worth 250,000.

In McCartney, Labour employment spokesman, said such "lattery-style pay-outs" showed the need for a windfall tax.

"This money should be getting our youngsters into jobs, not padding out the pockets of the utility fat cuts " - Chris Barrie

BG chooses troubleshooter

BRITISH Gas yesterday completed a lengthy search for a finance director for its troubled trading arm. British Gas Energy, by appointing Mark Clare, its own financial controller, to one of the most testing finance jobs in the privatised utilities. He will have to unscramble BGE's huge exposure for take-orpay gas contracts and prepare the company to meet competition in the domestic market in 1998.

The company has also appointed Simon Lewis, head of public relations at NatWest and a former director of public relations for the SDP, as director of corporate affairs to polish up BGE's image after a two-year battering in which customer complaints have risen to record levels. - Sumon Beavis

Airbus on corporate runway

THE first steps to transform Airbus Industrie, the four-nation aircraft maker, from a specially protected state-controlled consor. num into a corporation were agreed in Paris yesterday
Airbus - comprising Acrospatiale of France, DASA of Germany, British Acrospace and CASA of Spain -- has been under
pressure from US rivals like Boeing to adopt normal corporate
status and said it would try to agree a plan for transformation by
the end of the year, -- Simon Beaus

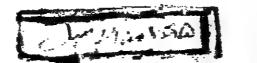
Cheaper BT calls abroad

PT is to cut the cost of international phone calls at the weekend by up to 23 per cent. More than eight out of 10 calls abroad on Saturdays and Sundays are made by domestic customers. BT is obliged to cut its prices under the formula limiting price changes to inflation minus 7.5 per cent

The new weekend rate, which starts on September 6, will cost BT \$15 million out of total cuts of more than \$300 million due on

BSkyB takes German partner

SATELLITE TV company, BSkyB, has teamed with the Kirch group of Germany to develop pay TV services there. The deal follows the collapse of earlier efforts by BSkyB to participate in a multi-billion dollar alliance between Bertelsmann and CLT which was finalised yesterday — Lisa Buckingham



Rely on Stoute to have Dazzle **Cherry ripe**

mascot, Michael Stoute puts Plan B into operation when he upgrades Dazzle to Patiern company in today's Hillsdown Cherry Hinton Stakes, one of two Group 2 races on the first day of the Newmarket July Meeting.

The Stoute stable was quietly confident that Dazzle could have won the higher

could have won the higher grade Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, but victory there would have incurred a penal-

By winning the Windsor Castle Stakes instead, Dazzle is able to compete on an equal footing with her rivals today in a race which Stoute has Dazzle will certainly find hings tougher than on her ebut. But she captured the imagination with a smooth two and a half lengths defeat of Vex Star, who did not let the form down at Sandown last week, and has the look of

ite for next year's 1,000 Guin-eas is debatable. But she shares that price with Henry Cecil's Yashmak in Ladbro-kes's ante-post list, followed by Khassah, one of today's rivals, on 25-1.

a filly who could go a long

Dame Laura and Connemara, the Queen Mary Stakes second and fourth, will test the merit of Dazzle. Interestingly, Stoute saddled the close-up third in that race, Moonshine Girl, so he should know where he stands. Khassah, who beat Well Warned at Ascot, possibly

lacks the scope of Dazzle (3.05), who may have most to fear from easy Newbury

ess in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes, having sent out three of the last 10 winners — Shardari, Rock Hopper and Saddlers' Ball

Saddlere' Hall.
Singspiel, his runner today, regularly runs well in top class company and gained a well deserved first Group win at Sandown in April in the Gordon Richards Stakes.

Touched off by Swain in the slowly-run Coronation Cup next time, Singspiel has been labelled a quitter in some quarters because of his series of near-misses. That is unwar-

of near-misses. That is unwar-ranted, though he does race lazily and Michael Kinane will earn his riding fee today, All his efforts may be in vain if Bequeath (3.40) turns out to be as smart as he

looked when winning over the course and distance last month. of his life, Henry Cecil's attractive colt quickened past long time leader Midnight

paratively fast time.

Midnight Legend re-opposes on 31b better terms and with Jason Weaver back in

bit longer.
But Bequesth has scope for considerable improvement, and even as his latest form stands he has a good chance of beating Hardwicke Stakes second Annus Mirabilis on

Eveningperformance Speed On and Pleading (4.10) are three talented sprinters under trainer Henry Candy's care this season, and the last-named looks worth following in this after-noon's Typhoo Tea Handicap. He avoided all the trouble in Mallia's race at York, but



Bob Fisher meets Samantha Brewster at Southampton after her record voyage

AMANTHA Brew-ster, a farmer's daughter from Ba-dingham in Suffolk, returned to South-has done is extraordinary ampton yesterday at the end of a 253-day voyage that made her the first woman and the youngest person to sail solo around the world "the wrong - from east to west.

Sirens wailed and and champagne sprayed through the air as Brewster, 29 last Priday, came into view in her 67ft racing cutter, Heath In-sured. She had left Southampton on October 29 last year. hoping to beat Mike Golding's non-stop west-about record Mast and geer failure forced her to put into Santos; Brazil.

Yesterday's welcoming flo-tilla included a boat carrying her 61-year-old mother Mary and her sisters Judi, 82, Fions, 28, and brother. Tim, 30. "Tim very proud of her in-deed," said her mother, "and very relieved as well." Among the first people on board were Chay Biyth, who in 1971 first salled single-

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absolutely amazing. What she has done is extraordinary when you look at the size of her and this boat." "It's been long enough and its been hard enough," said Brewster of the voyage, al-though she looked remark-

porridge, jars of spinach, honey, strawberry jam and marmalade, two tubs of Marmite, seven boxes of crisps, a carton of jelly babies and a Most sailors would have

Home again . . . Samantha Brewster, 'a mere alip of a girl', in the Solent after her 253-day circumnavigation from east to west in the 67-footer Heath Insured

been daunted by the lonell-ness of the vast ocean wastes and the thoughts of having to quit when the chips were down. Her worst moment was when she realised, after five weeks afloat, that she would Brewster of the voyage, although she looked remarkably fresh after a feat that will stand in the record books for many years. The stresses of fierce Southern Ocean storms when the stresses of fierce Southern Ocean storms when she sustained the damage, she was ahead of schedule to beat Golding's 167 days.

'It's extraordinary what she has done when you look at the size of her and this boat'

and the strains of major | equipment failures certainly to start again after a month did not show on her face. She eshore repairing the mast and looked as though she had just returned from a weekend trip across the Channel to "I had to set myself a goal,"

Cherbourg. she said. She chose Cape
To make the boat lighter Horn, the most feared of landshe removed large parts of the marks. "Then I could see how in 1971 first sailed singlehanded the "wrong way", and
accommodation, including
Golding.

Both paid tribute to Brewster, who stands only 5ft 6in
tall. "It's a huge hoat for one
single person and it's a longwoyage," "said Blyth. "She

sere removed large parts of the
naction, including
part of the galley and both
lavatories, reasoning that on
a solo voyage a bucket would
do. For food she took 500 predried meals such as lamb casserole and hotpot, 36 boxes of
of Fremantle. "I had to

"I want to do some competitive sailing now — but in
short-handed events," Brewster said before disembarking
for "steak and chips, a good
night's sleep in a bed and
maybe a hangover tomorrow".

change mainsails, and that was impossible in the huge seas of the Southern Ocean." But when nearing the Australian shore it became apparent that there was no need to dock to change the sails, given a day of light winds and calmer seas.

not without problems. The fuel to provide the charging of her boat's batteries was running short. To conserve whatever she could, she took to steering the boat for eight hours a day, relieving the drain of the auto-pilot.
"I was fortunate to have

caught others' enthusiasm. They helped me do it," said Brewster, who made this voyage once before, with 13 other crew in the British Steel Challenge. "I knew it was a very selfish thing to do, even be-fore I started."

had done had not sunk in yesterday. When Blyth completed his circumnavigation almost 25 years ago he took 292 days. Brewster took 39 days fewer and that included 32 days in Santos. She was also 32 days faster that Lisa Clayton, who went the "right way round" with the prevailing winds and currents.

"I want to do some competition solling both the prevailing with the prevailing winds and currents.

tive sailing now — but in short-handed events," Brew-



Wave on . . . Brewster delighted to be back in Britain

Backers latch on to Anabaa's impeccable Cup credentials

ANABAA, the strongly fancied French raider in Thursday's Darley July Cup at Newmarket, was in demand at 9-2 and 4-1 in early betting skirmishes and closed at 3-1 with Ladbrokes yesterday, writes

Hill's, who eased the favourite Pivotal from 6-4 to 7-4, also trimmed Anabaa to 3-1. But Criquette Head's colt, unbeaten in

from 12-1 by Hill's.

Tim Sprake's riding Mrs Farrell was taken to career has really taken off Harrogate General Hospithis season and be followed tal with injuries to her up Saturday's notable Hay-dock win on Spout with a 305-1 double at Bath attack and collapsed on top

Green to a six lengths win for Spout's trainer Roger Charlton, Sprake provided the Bastbury-based Anthony Jones with his first two-year-old training home by a short head on

Silver Purs Anthea Farrell, the amateur rider formerly associ-ated with Gold Cup winner Jodami, who is trained by her father Peter Beaumont, still be backed at 7-2 with was reported "comfortable" yesterday evening after a freak showground accident at the Great York-

shire Show.

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WIMBLEDON GOES INTO EXTRA TIME



Hingis comes of age as youngest winner

Richard Jago sees 109 years of history rewritten in five minutes | taller than Hingis as the Swiss prodigy gets a doubles first on a packed Centre Court

coming the youngest win-ner of a Wimbledon title at 15 ars and 282 days, displacing Lottie Dod who was three days older when she won the

The prodigy and her part-ner Helen Sukova rapidly snaffled the last two games of the women's doubles final which had been held over from Sunday when rain

the verge of making history helped bring fans by the agon-load to participate in the noisy last rites of the 5-7.

had been making their storybook recovery from a set and 5-2 down on Sunday the Cen-tre Court had been nearly empty; now it was almost full and the atmosphere crackled. down Church Road long after the restart had been delayed by 20 minutes to accommo- ence. And despite immense

T TOOK five lively min- date as many as possible. ambition her precocity is not utes for Martina Hingis to By one o'clock 11,000 spectal yet grotesque. hledon's gates and there was a sense of involvement not exday in 1989 which was dubbed People's Day.

The most punctual witnessed a mere 14 points be-fore Hingis's top-spin lob and double-handed backhand combined to convert a 30-40 break point on McGrath's serve and to complete the bit of history.

Most of the cries had be to "come on Martina" and at the climax a bouquet was tossed on to the court for the lecend's namesake. The slim ictory over Larisa girl stooped to gather it with and Meredith the smile that had illuminated so many of the rallies.

quality. Despite her vulnera-bilities on serve Hingis looks a more complete player than previous prodigies such as Tracy Austin. Andrea Jaeger, Kathy Rinaldi or Jennifer Ca-Queues were rolling back priati. Despite a childlike aura — perhaps because of it — she has refreshing pres-

yet grotesque.
"I'm pleased to have done this. For every tennis player it's a big goal to win Wimble-

don — even if it's doubles," Hingis said with a grin, managing to convey an impression, without giving offence, that this was "only doubles". She added: "I break so many records already. I hope winning this will help me win the singles." Few doubt she can. Fewer who saw Sunday's startling turn-around should

> It was Hingis's forehand top-spin lob over McGrath that did more than anything to swing the contest, clinching the break-back against Neiland's serve for 4-5 in the second set. It also highlighted lem for the American, whose right leg was heavily strapped, and Hingis and Su-kova exploited it with three more top-spin lob winners to break in the next service

By then the odd-looking June last year he was partnership — Sukova is world-ranked No. 276. twice as old and eight inches

conferring and hand-slapping more animatedly than ever. The Monaco-based Czech had been the general while the Czechoslovak-born Swiss had been struggling with her serve in the first half of the match. But in the change of mood created by the ninth game of the second set, Hingis became inspired, and it was

she who grabbed hold of the She held serve for the McGrath, but only their first second set and then led the win over them.

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They knew they had it won after that. "We had our celebration then," said Hingis with a cheeky smile. "We went out to dinner together and had some fun."

It was their third tourne. It was their third tournament together and their third final against Neiland and

should have a crucial extra dimension to her play. Hingis has been the youn-

prise of her volleying. She has not often revealed this in

singles. If she can integrate it

with those rhythmic ground

strokes, perhaps when her serving becomes heavier, she

500,000 up on those for the 1995 championships, writes Andrew Culf.

gest player to win a title at a Unofficial estimates pared to 8.7 million and 6.8 Grand Slam championship (at recorded a peak of 9.8 million million for Graf's 1995 12), the youngest to win for the match between Rich- triumph.

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Henman in top forty as Krajicek goes to No.8

T WAS stock-taking time for British tennis yester-day as Wimbledon drew the latest world-ranking positions were released. They show that Tim Henman, who began the tournament in 62nd place, now stands 39th, easily the highst position of his career. In

Cup side against Ghana in Accra, a Euro-African zons Group Two match. His next big individual challenge, aside from the Olympic at Flushing Meadow, which begins on August 26.

Several leading players, including Pete Sampras. were highly complimentary about the British No. 1 during Wimbledon but he knows his further progress will be doubly difficult

will lead Britain's Davis | Clearly his outstanding | performance in reaching the Wimbledon quarter-finals was in beating the French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov. What

Buster Mottram (15) and | No. 2, now suffering from a John Lloyd (23) are the pre- | hip injury, was ranked 33 British players since the first ATP list in 1973.

viously highest ranked earlier in the year and has dropped down to 72. Richard Krajicek's Wim

bledon title lifted him to followed was routine until he met Todd Martin, the sort of honest, powerful and awkward player he must learn to beat regularly if he is to reach the top 20. Yet he has shown great resolve and mental toughness, and his rise in the last 12 months has been remarkable.

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Soccer

Beck joins international set down by the Riverside

WITH Middlesbrough rap-idly becoming the Premiership's most cosmopolitan team, the Danish international striker Mikkel Beck i the latest foreign player to start training at the Riverside Stadium. He has signed for Bryan Robson's club after coming through a contract dispute with Fortuna

Cologne.
It is not all sweetness and light for Robson, however. The player-manager has been ordered to appear before an FA disciplinary commission in Manchester on August 9 to explain his club's poor behav-iour last season.

Dean Saunders, the 31-yearold Wales striker, yesterday returned to the Premiership with Nottingham Forest in a £1.5 million move from Gala-tasaray. He trained with his defender Brian Carey.

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new team-mates as Forest's manager Frank Clark agreed a £1m deal for the Croatia de-

fender Nikola Jerkan. Manchester United still expect to tie up a £3.5m deal for the Slavia Prague and Czech Republic midfielder Karel Poborsky in the next few days even though United's legal director Maurice Watkins said yesterday "there has been a slight hitch".

Aston Villa, meanwhile, ex-pect to complete the signing of the 26-year-old Portugal right-back Fernando Nelson from Sporting Lisbon. Queens Park Rangers must

pay £350,000 to Tottenham for the striker Steve Slade, a tribunal ruled yesterday Rangers had offered £100,000.

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Tour de France

Riis attack leaves **Berzin grovelling**

William Fotheringham

weather that had battered the Tour de France since it left the Netherlands nine days ago could get no worse. It could and it did.

Yesterday morning the conclimbs of the Tour, the 9,000foot Cols of the Iseran and Galibier, were more suited to busky dogs than professional cyclists whose body fat can fall to levels that doctors consider unsafe. Temperatures were below freezing, visibility nil, the wind up to 60mph whipping heavy snow into deep drifts. Icicles hung from the rocks.

rider as he watched the snow-line above Val d'Isère descend to a couple of hundred metres above the resort. "Nobody was prepared for this cold. Mentally you prepare yourself for it at the spring races and you come to them a little bit fat. Everyone here is as light as possible. Suffering in the sun is one thing but suf-

"Unbelievable," said one

fering in this is too much." Wisely the organisers de-cided that, with a high pro-portion of riders suffering from tendinitis and bronchial trouble, the climb should be excluded and they shortened recent memory. The death last year of Fabio Casartelli has made them less cavalier about safety and the descents were made dangerous by snowdrifts and slush. Only

the legendary mad dog Richard Virenque complained. The caravan, with the riders in racing clothing in Ris ... forged ahead

menu, what remained was the fore over the last three days, dessert and coffee: 28 miles plus Miguel Indurain. After from Monetier les Bains over the second-category Col de Montgenevre to the Italian border and the climb to the fooder and the climb to the team-mates and the better finish here. It did not stir the imagination as the Cols of legend do but the reduced disbattle which changed the face of what is proving the most dramatic Tour since the Le-

Mond victory in 1989. As soon as the Montgenevre was reached, Bjarne Riis pro-duced an intense series of attacks which left him half a minute clear at the summit More importantly the pace

their team cars, drove over both passes, marshalled by mountain police wearing full winter kit.

which is a substitute of the team-mates of the yellow jersey Ev-geny Berzin, who was forced to chase the Dane alone, lead-With the main course ing a select group of all the removed from the day's men who have come to the day he paid the price. The race lead — Berzin's by

> the young Russian became less assured and his progress a little more laboured. "wo miles from the finish it was to dispose of the young pre-tender, and the five-times winner followed that with an inexorable increase in tempo. of the kind which proved so Only Tony Rominger, Luc Leblanc and Virenque could was not far ahead and Berxin. was grovelling a minute back. While the unexpected strength of Riis's team means he will have more help in de-fending the maillot jaune than did Berzin, Indurain has put himself back in the running, while Rominger has never been out of it. Another man who may have put the worst behind him is Chris Boardman, who finished just be-hind Berzin and is talking of stage wins. Today's stage: Turin-Gap, 130

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Chaos fear over ICC chairman

David Hopps

HE world game will collapse into chaos over the next three days as International Cricket Council delegates brace themselves for a pro-longed cold war over the iden-

it into the man who will guide it into the next century.

The election at Lord's of the ICC's new chairman might sound inconsequential but at issue is the future direction of

Such is the antiquated na-ture of the ICC's constitution that the meeting will go ahead with legal arguments over the election of a chairman still unresolved. What voting system is adopted will determine whether Jagmohan Dolmiya, secretary of the Indian board, will win - a result that would

horrify his opponents.

Dalmiya's manifesto sounds plausible enough. He favours expansionism, arguing that it is vital to cricket's long-term survival, and wants to examine ways of reducing the number of draws in Test cricket. He also displays a healthy wish to dispel what remains of the ICC's cosy-club

Dalmiya's opponents prilionaire businessman with littile feel for the game, consumed largely by its polit-ical machinations. They speak of an insatiable desire to make Asia as powerful an axis in the 21st century as England and Australia were in the 20th. England officials still resent the way in which the sub-continent "hijacked"

this year's World Cup. Dalmiya's opponents are the Australian Malcolm Gray and Krish Mackerdhuj from South Africa. Gray's candida-ture is weakened by the presence of another Australian, David Richards, as the ICC's principle.

chief executive. To stop Dal-miya, Gray might withdraw and support Mackerdhuj but even the latter's nomination is undermined by rumours

be elected by binding resolu-tion, in which case the winner would require two-thirds support from the nine Test nations. Dalmiya can guarantee only India and Pakistan, with Sri Lanka wavering.

chairman is not a binding resolution. He submits that the 22 associate members of the ICC should also be allowed to vote. As a show of compromise he has proposed that Test nations' votes should count double.

would be required. So implacable are Dal-

miya's opponents that a stale-mate looks increasingly likely. In that event the pres-ent chairman Sir Clyde Walcott, whose term should end next July, will be implored to serve for a further year while an updated constitution is thrashed out. The days when the chairman of MCC auto-matically fulfilled the ICC role are long gone.
"Forget the legal argu-

ments," said one representa-tive. 'It is common sense that the majority of Test nations have an important say on major issues. That must

Derbyshire's Stillman criticises South Africans after Boer draw

the tactics of South Africa A at Queen's Park, Chesterthe game ending in a dull stalemate after the tourists had set their hosts an improbable target of 342 to win in 56 overs.

"I can't understand it." Stillman said. "If that's how they are going to play it, no county is going to bother giving them a thing on the whole tour. We batted for 10 overs less than them in the first innings to keep it going and we bowled our overs at almost 17 an hour while they went at only just over 12. A target of 342 was out of the question. They killed the

But South Africa A's 19.

thought it was a pretty real-

to do it, but their first championship win of the season at Edgbaston at

run victory was the left-arm spinner Ashley Giles. He took five for 70 in 26 overs and was largely res-ponsible for bowling Nottinghamshire out for 211. He received strong support from the South African fast bowler Shaun Pollock, who weighed in with three for

that an ambassadorial post is in the offing. Legal arguments concern whether the chairman should

Dalmiya's legal representa-tives insist that the election of

Dalmiya believes after ex-tensive lobbying (calling in the debt for extravagant World Cup financial hand-outs) that he can count on at least 16 associates which. with the backing of three Test nations. would be enough for victory. He does not discount the possibility of 18 associate votes, in which case the sup-port of only two Test nations

DERBYSHIRE's coach | coach Duncan Fletcher de-les Stillman attacked | fended the tactics. "We and a fast outfield." It may have taken War-wickshire half the season

> least keeps their flickering hopes of retaining the title alive. The catalyst for the 85-

Championship: Leicestershire v Essex

Mighty Millns minces Essex

Neville Foulger at Grace Road

AVID MILLNS fol-lowed up his maiden first-class century on Saturday by demolishing Essex singlehanded before lunch yesterday with six wickets in eight overs of ag-gressive and accurate fast bowling.

The 31-year-old right-arm seamer's inspired spell gave him match figures of 10 for 128 and his county their second successive innings

In fact Leicestershire now have won five of their last nine games at home, with James Whitaker's proficient and determined team giving themselves a realistic chance of taking the title to Grace Road for the first time since 1975, "It's worth putting a few bob on us for the championship," was Millns's summingup yesterday. Milins became the first man

in eight years to score a century and take 10 wickets in a county match — Franklyn Stephenson did it for Nottinghamshire against Yorkshire in 1988 — but his priorities were crystal-clear after two Achilles tendon operations in the past two years. "This has to be the best match of my career but taking 10 wickets gave me more pleasure than by bowling Ashley Cowan. the past two years. "This has to be the best match of my

coring the century," he said. "After my injuries I think a lot of people had written me off so it is nice to show I am still a force. The century was a huge bonus but my job is to bowl sides out."

Among his victims yester-day was the England discard Ronnie Irani, whose secondball duck gave him a pair for the match. On a slow-paced Grace

Road pitch Essex began the final day at 193 for four, 98 runs behind but with realistic hopes of a draw. Some 15.4 overs and 66 minutes later they were all out for 347, an ignominious defeat by an in-nings and 44 runs coming after Milins took all six wick-ets for 20 runs in 7.4 overs.

The decisive wicket was his first, as Essex needed a cap-tain's innings from Paul Prichard if they were to survive. But Prichard fell leg-before to one that kept low, Irani followed, also Ibw, and when Millns induced Robert Rollins to touch one on its way to Paul Nixon he had taken three wickets in six

Next he had the night-watchman Peter Such spiendidly caught low down at gully by Adrian Pierson and an even better catch at longKent v Durham

as Kent go top

Paul Weaver at Maldstone

THE argument of some in Kent that winning last season's Sunday ague had assuaged the pain of finishing bottom of the county championship was about as plausible as MaliVai Washington say-ing that losing at Wimble-don did not really hurt because he had had some nice strawberries and cream.

So, if Kent were not taken seriously by all as title contenders earlier this season, this morning they are. Their fifth championship victory, by 83 runs over Durham here yesterday, put them back on top of the table, clear by five points, ing to pull the slow left-with arguably the tougher armer Edward Stanford, half of their season over.

Any victory over Durham who are a little short when it comes to ability and absolutely bankrupt when it comes to confi-dence — must be placed in context but this was achieved on a bland pitch and without Mark Ealham and Min Patel.

Carl Hooper is in his most regal form and, perhaps even more crucially, Martin McCague is bowling fast. Their one disappointment last night was with Dean Headley who, after bind with a very fast one bowling well to take three before the tail folded.

wickets, hobbled off with ankle ligament problems, although he hopes to play in tomorrow's NatWest

game at Derby.

Durham, who have not won one of their 23 matches against first-class opposi-tion this season, should not feel completely demoral-ised as they played their part in a fine match here.

They resumed yesterday morning at 11 for no wicket, needing a further 328, and seriously functed their chances when they reached lunch at 98 for one. Stewart Hutton, caught at mid-on, was their only

caught at short-leg off Headley at 139, they felt confident because, although the spinners were making use of the rough, Sherwin Campbell was batting with authority.
But when Campbell was

backward point off the very slow off-spinner Nigel Llong, the game was up.
Mike Roseberry was bowled by a slower delivery by McCague, who then had Phil Bainbridge caught beTour match: Northants v Pakistan XI

McCague in trim | Fordham keeps them guessing

David Foot at Northampton

HE tourists almost suc-ceeded in a swashbuck-ling bid to score 226 in 38 overs, yet perhaps we should look in other directions to verify their resurgent team spirit this summer.
They used 10 bowlers during Northamptonshire's

second innings, the wicket-keeper Moin Khan discarding his pads and taking two wickets. Such events needed some explanation, as did the unexplained departure of Alan Fordham after a notable comeback innings of 144.

casualty.

Even when John Morris and Pakistan's captain Wawas bowled at 112, attempts im Akram before walking

The feeling was that Ford-ham, who had built and then flourished in an admirable opening stand of 255 with Montgomerie, had simply decided to give someone else a go at the bowling. Later it was fourth out at 178, caught at officially reported that he had

doubt conclude, his betting average will remain unscathed; it would have counted as a dismissal if he had retired unburt, but Fordham deserved that kind of bonus.

His last 50 was in May, since when he has been inured and dropped, and there is unlikely to be a Lord's ap-pearance for him this week. Yesterday, his innings of less than four hours contained two sixes and 18 fours, plus

vigour and assurance. When he left, the bowling not to say of park standard at times. Montgomerie's hun-dred had come with legiti-mate strokes and 13 fours, but his next 50 arrived off 15 balls in a quarter of an hour. This was nevertheless a match for him to remember.

all-round evidence of renewed

formidable target and after off, obviously in retirement ing batting, they failed by 21 though apparently not in runs, with two wickets pain. The scorers did not remaining. Once again the know what to do. of crisp stroke-play, enough to win the match award. With Ijaz Ahmed and Moin Khan breezing away in search of £2,500 prize money, it looked increasingly possible that they would exploit the short boundary on one retired with some eye trouble. Side. Boswell, the debutant, At least, the cynics will no doubt conclude, his batting took three wickets each, but Northamptonshire's moderate attack offered too few options for Rob Bailey, who was also without Mallender, vic-

tim of foot injury on the first

Scoreboard

County Championship

SURREY - MIDDLESSIX The Ovak Surrey (24pts) best Mids (5) by seven wickets.

SHIPDLERETK First innings 222 (M R Ram-prakesh 80. M W Gatting S2. Bistinell 5-54, Julian 4-63) SUSTREY: First innings 366 (H J Ho 84, A D Brown 57; Tulnell 5-66).

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Bostings M P Sichnell 25-5-57-4; Benja-min 22-10-50-2, Julian 21-6-54-3; Hol-lloake 5-0-22-1.

Marcine of Indiana

Total (for 3, 24.2 overs).... Did not bett D J Bicknell, B P Julian, 1G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, R M Pourson, J E Benjamin. Bowling: Fraser 5-2-19-0; Tuinell 12-5-17-1; Johnson 5-1-18-2; Hewitt 12-0-7-0

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Y GLAS Brietok Malch drawn. CLAMORGAN: First strings 509-3 dec (M P Maynard 145no, S P James 118, H Morris 108, P A Cottey 101no). CALCUCESTERSHIRE: First Limitings 181 (Butcher 7-77).

OLOUCESTERSHIRE Record tenings

Second tenings

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T H C Hancock b Croft
R I Dawson c Shaw b Croft
A Symonds c James b Croft
M W Alleyne the b Watten
R C J Williams c Shaw b Watten

Bowling: Walkin 24.5-10-37-3: Parkin 17-6-58-0. Butcher 15-2-54-1: Croll 36-20-39-4: Kendrick 12-7-25-0, Maynard Umpires: G i Burgess and J H Harris.

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m Keni (24pts) best Durham (6) KENTY First Innings 363 (C L Hooper 86. N J Llong 64. D P Fution 64, T R Ward 56: Brown 5-76).

DURHAM: First innings 269 (P Sainbridg 71, M A Roseberry 80; McCagus 4-89) NEME: Second mings 244 (C L Hosp 105, T R Ward 60; Brown 4-56). 105. T P Ward BV, Brown 4-56.

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J E Morris b Stanford
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M A Resoberry b McCagus
P Bainbridge c Marsh b McCagus
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Lelegators Leicestershire (24pts) bear Essex (3) by an impings and 44 runs. LINCESTERSHAME: First Innings 454-6 dec (V J Wells 197, D J Milling 103). Georgy J West 197, D 3 mmm 1009,
BASSEX
Second basings (overnight 193-4)
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kees J M Hampshire and J W Holder. LANCASHERE - WORCESTERENINE Old Trafford: Lancashire (Spis) drew with Worcestershire (11). LANCASHIPPS: First Innings 992 (J E R Gallian 140. G D Lloyd 59; Spianid 5-116).

WORCESTERSHIPME First Immings 350-3 dec (W P C Weston 171no, T M Moody 109). LANCASHURE
Second finalings (overnight 26-2)
S P Titchard at Raddes b Solanki ...
G Chapple c Illingworth b Solanki ...
G D Lloyd c Weston b Solanki ...
W Westingon c Curtis b Solanki ...

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Did not hat: S Elworthy, G Keedy
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Bowling: Sherlyar 4-0-11-0; Ellis
6-3-7-1; Mingarorth 28-3-33-1; Sokuniu
27-3-140-5.

WARWICS & MOTTS
Edighershow Warwickphire (21pts) beal
Notlinghareshire (4) by 85 runs.
WARWICK.UPSERS First Insings 350-8 dec.
[M Burns 81, T I, Penney 80, N M K Smith 54). NOTTINGHAMSHURE: First binings 212-4 dec (A A Melcalle 91, C L Cairis 5500). WARRICKSHURE:

Brown, S M Ponock, A F Gine, G Weich, G Small. Bowling: Pick 4-3-4-0; Bowen 9-1-54-0; Brown 5-0-34-1; Allord 4-0-27-1; Arches 3-0-32-0. HOTTHIGHAMSHING



Second XI Champler

Second XI Championship
(First day of three; today, 11.0)
Coventry & North Warwfeltshirer Kent
130 (Altree 4-43, Inchafing his second habtrick of the season). Warwfeltshire 151-8.
Biddleton-on-Sans Sussets 305 (T A Radford 100, M Nowall 77) v Middlesser. Sanfree Walders Surray RSI (A W Smith St;
Ayres 5-40). Exces 130-2 (S D Peters
55no) Shildom Yorkshire 376-8 doc (R
Robinson 123, M J Wood 52, B Parker 58,
Durham 18-1. Southemplies: Lancaphire Righmson 123, M J wood 62, B Parker 50; Durham 18-1. Southemplotes Lancabhre 192 (N T Wood 50), Hampahire 169-8 (L J Botham 54; Ridgway 4-37), Usia Locas-tenative 284-7 dec (V P Ctarker 189), Gla-morgan 44-1.

Starting today

Tour matches
MORTHAMPTOMEMER V PAKISTAN XI
Northamphoe Match drawn.
MORTHAMPTOMEMER First Innings 152
(Wasim Abrain 5-58, Shahid Nazir 4-43).
PAKISTAN XIS First Innings 252 (Shadab Kabr 98, Saqtain Muchiar 78).
MORTHAMPTOMEMERS
Second humber (overnight 71-0)
R Mortgomeric c Asil Mujusba
b Moin Khan 144
M S Loye c Rashid Laif b Moin Khan 6
"R J Galley c Rushid Laif b Moin Khan 29
J G Hughes c Mohammad Akrari

Total (or 4 dec. 80.3 overs) 396
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Boudley: Wastim Altram 15-4-45-0: Mohammed Altram 13-2-49-0; Shanhid Nazir
7-1-27-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 13-1-45-0;
Rashid Latil 5-1-25-0; Asil Multaba
9-0-52-0; (laz Ahmed 2-0-13-0; Moin
Khan 9-0-78-2; Shahkid Anwar 7.3-2-48-2;
PARCETRAR XI Second Intellige
Shankid Artwar c Loye b Boswell 12
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Shakid Nabir t Balley b Snape 39
Wastin Akram b Capel 12
Agil Mijolaba noi out 31

Total for 8, 32.5 overs) 203
Fall: \$3, 103, 114, 123, 129, 190, 201, 205,
Bowling: Boswell 9-0-52-2; Hughas
7-2-46-0, Snape 9-0-63-3; Capal
7-1-34-1; Balley 0.5-0-3-1.

Golf

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Asil Mujaba noi out
Rashid Latif b Snapsi
1Mon Khan c Monigomerie
b Boewal
Sased Amwar c Monigomerie
b Snaps
Sagbin Mushtag c Warren b Balley
Extras (of, Ib3, w1, rib2)

Chesterfields South Africa A 322-4 dec (J H Kalles 92, H D Ackerman 791 and 305-3 dec (C F J Leibenberg 172, H H Gebe 58, J B Commins £5so). Derbyshire 316-5 dec (C J Adams 66, M R May Steo, C M Wells S1, T J G O'Gorman 53, 3rd 175-3 (T J & O'Gorman 68no, A S Rollins 50). Drawn.

Minor Countles

O'Gorman Sino, A S Rollins 5th, Drawn,

Manor Countiles
Champsionship
Henkows Northumberland 217 (T W Adonck
80, 6 R Morris 55; Swann 4-30, Dation
4-50) and 271 (M Thomson 25; White
4-32), Bede 283-2 (W Larkine 118vo, 6 P
Swann 76) and 236-6 (W Larkine 118vo, 6 P
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Swann 76) and 230-1 (M Adogson 74; Wellcock 8-63). Commell 288-5 (S M Williams
103no) and 102-4 (M P Briters 95vo), Comwall (22)eb) to Berishine (3) by saw wickets.
Hamford Citys Devon 182 (M A Folland 51;
Cooper 4-36) and 212-5 (H M Morgan 75).
Hereford 128-5 (S M Brogan 73) and 220-7
(G J Price 56). Hareford (27pb) bt Devon
(3) by three wickets. Lincoln Ledium
Cambo 177-8 (Bradford 5-47) and 243-3 (G
W Ecclosione 113no, 5 A Kellett 65sr.0, 8 T
P Donolan 51). Lincs 189 (Smith 5-61, B T
P Donolan 51). Lincs 189 (Smith 5-61, B T
P Donolan 51). Cambridgeshire (21pts) bt
Lincolnshire (5) by 84 runs. Pantysridd:
Walso 141 (A Jones 35; Marvell 4-23) and
178 (Payre 4-42). Shröpshire 239-4 (Asil
Din 127no, M R Davies 67) and 82-0,
Shropshire (24pts) bt Walso (1) by ten
wickets, South Willes Coderdshire 239-6
(B C A Ellison 50, L R J Lus 75no) and
219-8 (S C A Ellison 60; Teylor 4-50; Willshire 201-2 (D J M Mercer 91no, 1), L Taylor
63) and 228-5 (J L Taylor 103, D A Winter
65). Malch drawn, Wiltehire 6pts, Oxfordethire 0

Sport in brief

Geoff Nicholas, the Australian professional, thalidomide victim and multiple winner of in his attempt to qualify for the Open yesterday. He broke part of his artificial leg in the driving net before the start of the qualifying competition at Copt Hill.

Basketball

Charles Barkley, the Dream Team forward, was caught up in a late-night bar brawl in Cleveland in the early hours of the morning of a game against Brazil Jeb Tyler, a 23year-old salesman, filed a complaint accusing Barkley of assault after the two men fell out at a dance club called The Basement on Sunday. Barkley in turn filed a report

accusing Tyler of using

"bodily force" against him.

Chess

Anatoly Karpov made heavy weather of a harmless endgame but adjourned after six hours and 58 moves in what looks a clear draw against Gata Kamsky in Game 17 of the Fide world-title match at Elista, writes Leonard Bar-den. If Karpov secures the predicted half point when play resumes this afternoon, he will need only one more draw from three games to stay champion.

Kamsky gained the initiative after a dull opening, es-

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Athletics

Johnson back in front

Duncan Mackay

ICHAEL JOHNSON losing is an event almost rarer than the sighting of a comet, so his response was expected to be swift and spectacular. In Stockholm last night at the DN Galan Grand Prix meeting, the American produced one of the great 200 metres performances.

Johnson, whose 38-race unbeaten streak was beaten by Frankie Fredericks in Oslo last Friday, won in 19.77sec, the sixth fastest in history, on the notoriously slow Stock-bolm track, and a time intrinsically equal at least to the 19.66 he clocked when he set the world record last month. Johnson, who later this month will attempt to become the first man to win the 200

Earlier Boldon stormed to a comfortable 100m victory in band later admitted he put 07.93sec.

tablishing a central passed pawn that looked dangerous until Karpov neutralised the danger in the final minutes. White: Karpey, Black: Kamsky 1 NB Nifi 2 c4 e6 3 g3 a6 4 Bg2 b5 5 b3 c5 6 0-0 Bb7 7 e3 Be7 & Nc3 Qa5 9 Bb2 0-0 10

No. 1 Dennis Mitchell Allen Johnson won the Swedish citizen last month. 110m hurdles in 13.25 as Colin Jackson's and Tony Jarrett's Olympic preparations suf-fered setbacks. Jackson was beaten by more than a metre Torrence, and Britain's Kelly by the world champion, de-

fied for the second time this summer after two false starts. The victory of Lyudmila Engquist, cleared to run for Sweden in Atlanta only last Friday, in the 100m hurdles in 12.67 gave the home crowd a rare reason to celebrate. The decision by Russian officials to allow her to represent her new nation culminates a saga that rivals some soap operas. pics, turned on the speed in the last 50m to pull away from Ato Boldon of Trinidad, who finished second in 19.94

10.07 over a field which in anabolic steroids in her food cluded the world champion in revenge when she left him; Donovan Bailey and the US she was acquitted by the she was acquitted by the IAAF in 1995 and became a

There was a spate of last-minute withdrawals, includ-Holmes. Kiptanul, the 3,000m spite the American hitting steeplechase world champion the sixth barrier so heavily it nearly brought him to his knees. Jarrett was disqualised world record holder, had a cold while Torrence bad a swollen mouth, lips, eyes and itchiness over her body.

Holmes, who was hoping to use the 1500m to help her make a decision about what event she should run in At-lanta, has sinusitis. She will have been boosted by Maria Mutola, the world No.1 at 800m, being beaten over the distance for the second time in four days.

The Mozambican, hoping to double up in Atlanta, burst from a tight pack on the last turn and muscled into the lead but was out-kicked by Portugal's Carla Sacramento, who won by a 0.21 in 4min

Rugby League

Saints to let Gibbs go if union money is right

was suspended for four years. Her former Russian hus-

Paul Fitzpatrick

THE future of Scott Gibbs, who appears before a dis-ciplinary hearing on Thurs-day after being sent off at Bradford last Friday, is the subject of mounting

speculation. The St Helens and Wales centre wants to return to Saints paid Wigan for Scott rugby union and Saints, pre-Quinnell. rugby union and Saints, pre-

viously adamant that he was

compensation.

Newcastle, Cardiff and Richmond rugby union clubs have made inquiries about him, with Richmond possibly favourites to sign him. But to do so they will have to pay a sum similar to the £250,000

St Helens would like to resigned as coach of Batley.

"going nowhere", will not have him available for Sunnow stand in his way if they day's important match against Halifax Blue Sox at Exemples. Knowsley Road but that depends on Thursday's hearing which will consider Gibbs's elbowing offence that brought his dismissal at Odsal. London Broncos are show-

ing a keen interest in Work-ington's 22-year-old full-back Abraham Fatnowna. Jeff Grayshon yesterday

Sports Guardian

MORE JEERS THAN CHEERS AS ATHERTON NEARS A SECOND SERIES SUCCESS

England v India: third Test, fourth day

More horror for Hick as **England stall**

Mike Selvey finds little to enthuse about in the somnolent setting of Trent Bridge

of bright cricket who happens to be in the vicinity of Trent Bridge today would do well to resist the temptation to turn up for the final day of the third Test and find something more stimu-lating — an exhibition of beard-growing perhaps — to

After four days on a flat-top the two sides have found themselves near enough on the same terms as they started. Once England had passed the follow-on figure with the last ball of Saturday's play the game was vir-tually condemned to a draw. But so somnolent were pro-

ceedings yesterday that only 228 runs came from 91 overs. By the close the patience of the small crowd, unlike the batsmen's, was exhausted and they were reduced to jeering every run. "Boring, boring England" was near the mark.

With the home side on 550 for seven in reply to 521, and no compelling reason why they should try to set up a grand finale, the game will be a draw and so Mike Atherton will win his second series as captain and only England's fourth since 1985.

In an era where English cricket has slumped to the level of a butt for comedians' humour that is no mean achievement. With the exception of the crazy, last-ditch de-feat in Cape Town, England have not lost a Test since the third against West Indies 11

matches ago. Despite the ideas of Jagmohan Dalmiya, the prospective new chairman of the International Cricket Council, to beef up the game, draws are not, as one very old cricketer used to say, just for bathing in. Today's play, however, promined to the prominent of th ises to be little more than go-ing through the motions and deserves to be put out of its misery long before the official finishing time of 5.30pm.

NYONE with a love | There was just a chance of bright cricket | yesterday that England, on what remained an extremely good batting pitch and assum-ing they had the inclination (and all the talk before the match was of being positive and not sitting on a lead), could have aimed for a reasonable advantage to put some pressure on India — if

only to have the last word. Instead, with batsmen find-ing no sort of touch against more excellent seam bowling from Srinath and Prasad, the day was devoid of intent. Nasser Hussain was unable to continue his innings, his frac-tured finger already creating doubt for the first Test against Pakistan in three weeks. But Atherton, who might reasonably have had ideas of converting his century into a double and per-haps beyond, instead scratched around for an hour, scored 15 more runs and was

There was 45 from Graham Thorpe, although he failed to convince, and a pleasant debut innings from Mark Ealham, who at least showed some positive intentions in making 51 before spooning a catch to backward point. Perhaps the most telling in-

out for 160.

Scoreboard

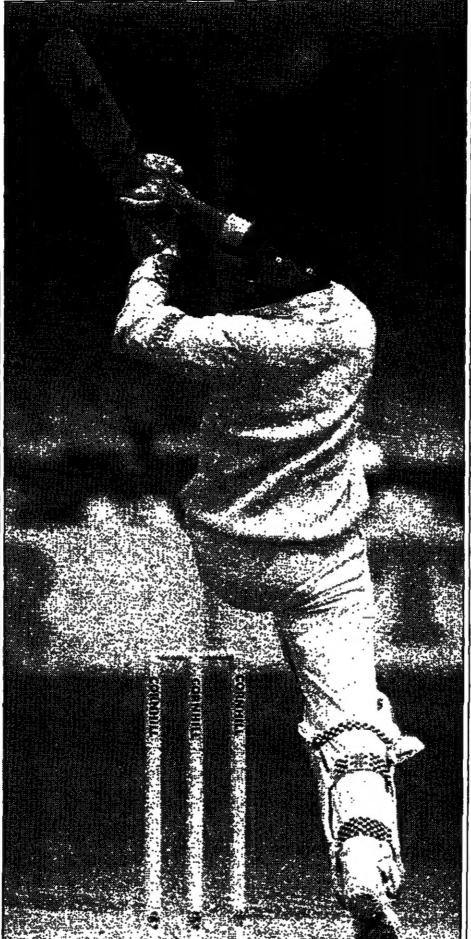
nings of the day, however, came from Graeme Hick, the peaks and troughs of whose Test career are beginning to resemble an Alpine stage of the Tour de France. Each time he struggles to the top and looks like pulling on the yellow jersey, he falls off his bike. This series has been an abomination for him, with scores of eight, one and six in the previous two matches folyesterday in two hours and 20 Hick, with 87 first-class hundreds to his name, is regarded as the prime thun-

derbat in the England side. A year ago he scored a century on this ground in emphatic response to being omitted from the previous match and at last, with an orthodox stance and an open declaration of toughness, he began to look the part.

So, for a player of his stat-ure to arrive at the crease with the score at 396 for three and then not even attempt to of all the old insecurity. This is Hick's sixth summer as an England player and in four of the previous five he has failed to make it through a complete series. Although he has be up against two superb bowlers in Srinath and Prasad, the looming prospect of Wasim, Waqar and the rest will make neither him nor the selectors sleep soundly

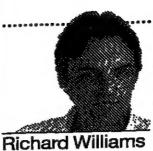
India worked hard and phlegmatically for their wick-ets with Srinath and Prasad through the first session and Raju enjoying a lengthy spel of left-arm spin in the afternoon. Atherton was the first to go, caught low down at third slip off Prasad; it was an end that might have come at any time during the previous

7% hours. Thereafter the bowlers producing the classic inswinger to the left-handed Thorpe, Hick heaving hor-ribly across a ball pitching in the rough and hitting a stee-pling leading edge to wide mid-on, Russell caught at the wicket without scoring and Lewis leg-before to Kumble's quicker ball after getting the benefit of the doubt when Srinath hit glove and helmet



The happy hooker . . . Atherton hits hard to the boundary yesterday to disturb the calm as he ploughed resolutely on his way past 150 PHOTOGRAPH LAURENCE GREFTITHS

The price of fame and Hill to pay



I'S hard to feel sorry for someone earning in the region of £100,000 a week. as Damon Hill does. But this week he is going to earn every last penny of it. Hill gets the money partly for driving a racing car, a per-

llous business which is such enormous fun that nobody thinks about the danger while he is actually doing it, and also for being a walking, talking billboard. In that capacity he has to wear some pretty embarrassing gear while shaking hands with a lot of strangers, and to put up with the kind of scrutiny which makes you think twice about scoffing at the Muslim belief that having your photo-graph taken removes a layer f vour soul.

Still, most weeks I wouldn't mind being Hill. Not just for the money, either. In the past I'd have swapped places with Stirling Moss or Jim Clark. neither of whom made a fraction of his money. But I don't think that being Hill this particular week would come at the top of my wish list. For between now and Sunday it will be his turn for the spotlight in the parade of heroes that makes up our summer of

sport. Football fever is a distant memory, Henmania a dying echo. Now, in the interval be-fore Linford lunacy breaks out, it is the turn of the man who is Christie's only rival for the title of the most complex and fascinating characer in British sport.

Hill is leading the Formula One world championship by 27 points, with nine of the season's 16 races gone. The 10th race takes place at Silverstone on Sunday, and the pressure will be on Hill for a home win.

It is a pressure that, in the past, has distorted his characer. Hill grew up under the double handicap of having a famous father who died when he was 15. Witnessing at close quarters the effects of his father's legendary public charm and far more demanding private manner, the son forged for himself a personality characterised by modesty and straightforwardness. PHOTOGRAPH: LAURENCE GREFFITHS | want of any other manifest

destiny, he followed his father into Formula One. And when he got there and found himself surrounded by syco-phants and intriguers, he closed up. He had to teach himself to

open out again, and in the pro-cess his honesty often betrayed him — particularly when Michael Schumacher skill at psychological warfare made it look like naivety. He came out for this season knowing that it was make-or-

break time. "The learning curve has been very steep," he told me in February, "but I feel more professional about myself now." And indeed he has seemed a hanged man, far more relaxed than the twitchy tetchy figure glimpsed in the darker days of 1994 and 1995. Some of this serenity is down to taking professional advice, a sort of celeb-therapy, and

some is down to the confidence engendered by success. "You can be serene if you're in a strong position," Patrick Head, the Williams team's technical director, told me back in April, when Hill race in a row. "But the test comes when somebody comes back at you. The question is, will he be so serene when Fer-

The proposition has yet to be put to the full test, since neither of those teams have managed to reach the level of Hill's Williams-Renault, despite Schumacher's brilliant debut victory for Ferrari in the rain at Barcelons. But there is another way of look

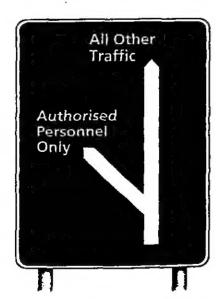
rari or Benetton get their cars

ERHAPS the failures of Ferrari and Benetton are due in part to Hill's ability to motivate his team, by example and hard graft, to stay ahead in the technical battle. This may be where his five fraught years with Williams are really paying off — and if he wins the championship it will be a convincing riposte to those who say that he succeeded only because he was in the best car while Schumacher was coming to terms with a troubled new team.

Still, he is probably in for a hell of a week. Those who know that Ferraris usually go well at Silverstone would not be surprised to see Schumacher and Eddie Irvine at the front of the grid on Satur-day night. The tabloids might find it harder to understand.

That is the price of the life he has now. Being rich and adored by the multitude is fun, most of the time, but this is the week when the dues are paid in full.

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Sukova goes on and on into double overtime

Richard Jago at Wimbledon

TELENA SUKOVA played more sets for more hours than in any day of her 20-year career to complete an exhausting and emotional double here yesterday which sees her holding two Grand Slam titles for the first time.
Fully seven hours and

eight sets after completing the two games which took her and Martina Hingis to the women's doubles title at 11.30 am. Sukova and her younger brother Cyril Suk celebrated a victory over the top-seeded Mark Woodforde and Larisa Neiland by 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 for the

Both had won the title before but never together and it was a particularly polgnant family success cause their late mother. pletely different to win

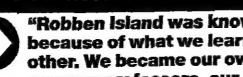


Vera Sukova, had been run-ner-up in the singles 34 years ago. "It feels com-It was not easy. After her first title Helena struggled with each other and special and the family combo was because 1 was thinking of 6-7 and 7-8 down against our mother and how she the Americans Luke Jensen

— complete with cricket gear — and Nicole Arendt before winning 6-3. 2-6, 10-8. An hour later they took on the No. 2 seeds. Grant Connell and Lindsay Davenport, whom they dis-patched 6-4. 6-2.

By then it had gone 4 pm. and Helena's four hours and 23 minutes of cour time was surpassed by the 4hr 46min already put in by Neiland, due to be a losing finalist twice in one day. Come 7 pm and Sukova was twice a champion, paid

£104,000 for her overtime and beyond simple tiredness, "It's hard to describe the feeling - perhaps spaced out, as though I'm not here," she said.

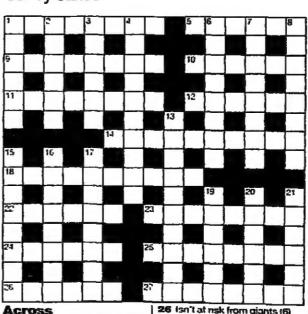


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